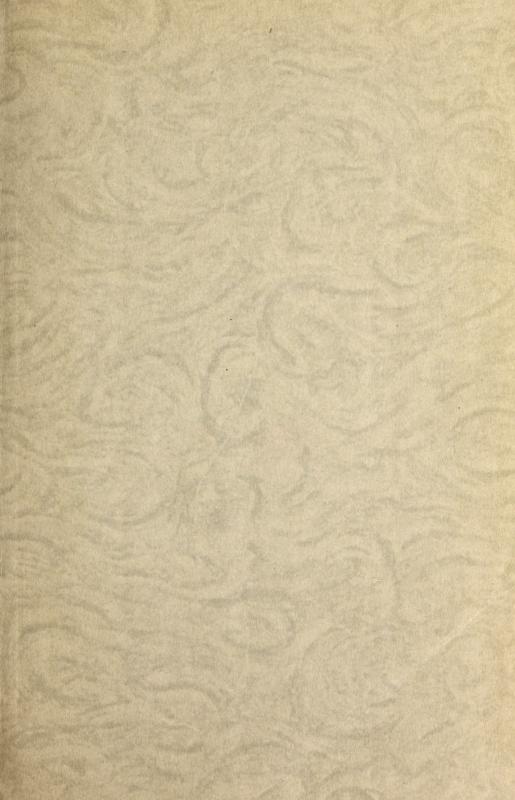
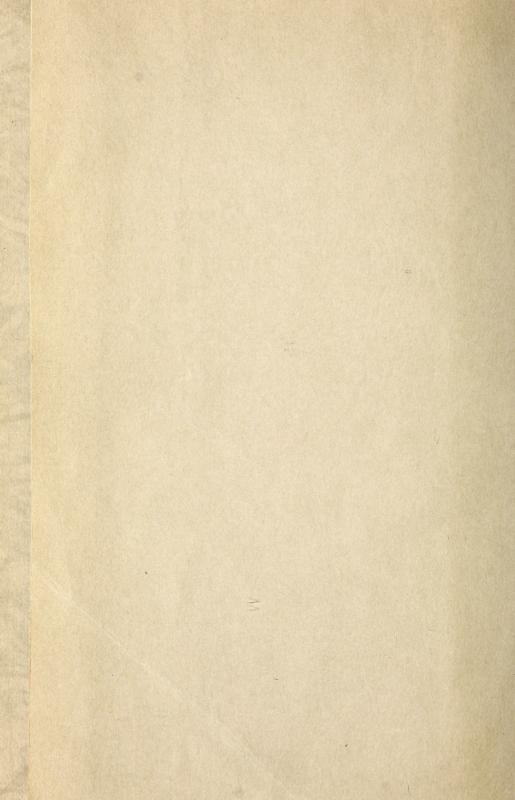


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MINUTES

--OF THE--



FIRST SESSION

--OF THE--

CALDWELL CO.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

--HELD IN--

Rocky Spring Church House, Collettsville, N. C. Oct. 22, 23, 24 & 25, 1885.

REV. ISAAC OXFORD, MODERATOR, Downsville, N. C. REV. W. A. POOL. CLERK, Lenoir, N. C.



THE CONSTITUTION, BY LAWS

AND

Abstract of Principles

CALDWELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CONSTITUTION.

1st. This Association shall be known as the Caldwell county Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the Churches—each Church being entitled to three delegates and all regular ordained Ministers as members ex officio.

2nd. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom in the hearts of men.

3rd. The delegates thus selected shall bear from each respective Church a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the Church and interest thereof.

4th. The Association thus formed shall choose by ballot, a Voderator, Clerk and Treasurer who shall continue in office for one year and until others are chosen. The last two offices may be held by the same individual.

5th. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business. to keep order during each session, to decide questions of order subject to an appeal of the House by any member; and to perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

6th. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful and correct record of all the proceedings of each session of the Association and keep a file of printed minutes of the Association and every ten years have them bound in book form for the use of the Association. And to perform other duites assigned him by the Association.

7th. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of all the funds coming into his hands; and to report the same at the order of the Association.

8th. There shall be a Committee of Arrangements consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

9th. All letters of grievances and querries, together with all letters from corresponding Associations requiring any attention thereon shall be submitted to the Committee of Arrangements and reported back to the Association.

10th. This body shall have no coercive power to exercise Lord-ship over God's Heritage, but shall only be an advisory councill in all-matters respecting the internal regulations of the Churches.

11th. When an offense may have been committed by one Church against another; or where a series of difficulties may have arisen in an individual Church, it shall be the duty of the Association, after due labors have been had between the offending and offended Churches or an individual Church as the case may be, to take the matter into consideration and advise upon it.

12th. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her Churches which

neglect to institute and preserve gospel order among their members, nor any of her Churches and Ministers that treat her constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote gospel principles and order.

13th. It shall be the province of this Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats who shall be entitled to speak as any point under discussion, but not to vote.

14th. The Association shall in all matters, except cases pertaining to the Constitution, be governed by a majority of the members present and shall not adjourn until they have gone through, the business of the Association, except in extraordinary cases.

15th. Each Church having an ordained or a licensed minister shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as uch in the minutes.

16th. The Association shall furnish the Churches with the minutes of her proceedings and it shall be the duty of the Churches to enable her to do so.

17th. The Association shall have a fund created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the Churches which shall be held by the Treasurer ad subject to the disposition of a majority of the Association present at any annual session.

18th. The Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place as the body may from time to time designate.

19th. By appointment of the Association there may be an Introductory, a Missionary and a Denominational sermon preached at each annual session.

20th, This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time two thirds of the members present concuring.

BY LAWS.

1st. At each assembling of the Association for the transaction of business, the Moderator shall invite members to order; then the Association shall be opened by praise and prayer.

2nd. When the Moderator takes his chair, each member of the Association, shal take his seat, and the minutes of the preceding day shall be read, the minutes of the last day of any session, however, may be read at the close of the session.

3rd. (The Moderator may speak to points of order, in preference to other members; and, on points of order, no member shall speak more than once, without leave of the house.

4th. The Moderator shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.

5th. All Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the body.

6th. He shall have general direction of the house; and may name any member of the body to perform the duties of the chair.

7th. When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Moderator, and confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personalities, and when two or more members rise at the same time the Moderator shall name the brother to speak first. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the body.

8tn. While the Moderator is addressing the Association or putting any question no member shall speak stand, walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking entertain private discourse, stand up or pass between him and the chair.

9th. After a motion is stated by the Moderator or read by the Clerk it shall be deemed in the possession of the body, but may be withdrawn before a decision or amendment.

10th. All papers addressed to the Association shall be presented by the Moderator.

11th. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the body.

12th. If any brother, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of this Association, the Moderator shall, or any member may, call him to order; in which case, the brother so called to order, shall at once conform to said rules or take his seat.

13th. In all elections, the Moderator may vote; in other cases he shall not vote, unless the Association be equally divided.

14th. These Rules or By-Laws may be altered or amended by a majority of the members at any session of the Association concurring.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1st. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are three persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2nd. We believe that the Bible—the Old and New Testaments—is the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the impotency of man, and the sovereignty of God.

4th. We believe that salvation is by Grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ, to be practiced only by believers in their scrip tural order.

6th. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator. And that only those thus baptised and are in fellowship with the Church in feeling and in doctrine, should take the Lord's Supper.

7th. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints in Grace to Glory.

8th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a General Judgment.

9th. We believe that the existence of the righteous and of the wicked will both be of eternal duration, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

ISAAC OXFORD, ISAAC SMITH, W. A. POOL,



ROCKY SPRING CHURCH, N. C.) October 22, 1885.

To day Delegates from Sixteen Churches in Caldwell County met in the house of Rocky Spring Church, at 12 o'clock, M. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. Isaac Oxford. Text, 1 Cor., 3, 9.

At 2 o'clock P. M. the delegates assembled in the house. Elder Isaac Oxford, Moderator of the Convention which called this meeting, called the house to order. Hymn, "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood." Prayer, J. S. Gwaltney leeding.

Delegates bringing letters from their Churches desiring to go into the organization of Caldwell County Baptist Association presented them. Brethren J. F. Spainhour and M. N. Harshaw read the letters and the following delegates were enrolled:

Bethany Church, Joshua Curtis. Conway's Chapel, T. H. Barber, and H. W. Clarke.

Fleming's Chapel, R. T. Fleming, L. W. Anderson.

Globe, S. F. Spainhour, Gillaim Coffey.

John's River, R. S. Hayes.

Lower Creck, V. Teague, I. A. Coffey, W. A. Pool.

Mulberry, Joel M. Crisp, Robt. Edmiston, J. A Edmiston,

McCall's Chapel, S. M. McCall, John M. Frasier.

Mountain Grove, J. Z. Griffin, Henry Ward.

Piney Grove, Thos. J. Pennell, J. T. Sharpe.

Pisgah, I. Smith, John Crisp, J. F. Crisp.

Rocky Spring, J. C- Puette, A. D. Leonard, M. N. Harshaw, J. H. Davis, M. C. Setzer.

Sardis, W. H. H. Hartley, J. R. J. Aunas,

Union, I. Oxford, J. H. West, W. C. Oxford.

Wilson's Creek, J. T. Hayes.

Yadkin, J. B. Moore, A. E. Nelson. M. C. Pennell.

The Clerk read the draft of a Constitution, By Laws and Abstract of Principles, which, upon motion, were adopted for the government of this meeting until it organizes into an Association.

On motion, the meeting then proceeded to permanent organization under the name of Caldwell County Baptist Association, by electing Rev. Isaac Oxford, Moderator, and W. A. Pool, Clerk, E. A. Poe and I. N. Corpening being tellers.

The following brethren accepted seats with the Association as visitors: Elders E. A. Poe, R. L. Patton, W. C. Parks, and A. S. Church.

The Clerk then read the Constitution prepared by Elders I. Oxford, I. Smith and W. A. Pool, which was adopted by sections as printed in this Minute. [See Constitution.]

The Clerk then read the By Laws prepared by the same brethren,

which was adopted by sections as printed in this Minute. [See By Laws.]

The Clerk then read the Abstract of Principles, prepared by the same brethren, which was adopted as a whole. [See Abstract of Principles.]

The Moderator announced the following committees:

ARRANGEMENTS.— M. N. Harshaw, John Crisp, Van. Teague, J. S. Gwaltney and J. R. J. Annas.

DEVOTION.—The Pastor and delegates of Rocky Spring Church.

FINANCE.—M. C. Pennell, M. C. Setzer, and W. H. H. Hartley.

PERIODICALS,—E. A. Poe, J. B. Moore, and R. T. Fleming.

TEMPERANCE. — S. M. McCall, John Crisp and R. L. Patton.

RESOLUTIONS.—John M. Frazier, J. T. Hayes, A. E. Nelson.

Home Missions.—R. L. Patton, Van. Teague, M. N. Harshaw.

STATE MISSIONS.—J. S. Gwaltney Isaac Smith, I. A. Coffey, I. A. Coffey,

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—M. N. Harshaw, J. F. Crisp, W. C. Oxford.

Baptist Orphan Association— W. A. Pool, J. F. Spainhour, E. A. Poe.

Education.—J. F. Spainhour, J. M. Crisp, Thomas J. Pennell.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—J. R. J. Annas, T. H. Barber, J. F. Spainhour.
TIME AND PLACE OF HOLDING
NEXT ASSOCIATION.—J. H. West,
M. N. Harshaw, Van. Teague.

On motion of M. N. Harshaw, ad-

journed to meet at $9\frac{1}{2}$ oclock tomorrow. Prayer, Rev. I. Smith leading.

SECOND DAY.

The Moderator called the Association to order at $9\frac{1}{2}$ A. M. Prayer, Rev. I. Smith leading.

Read and corrected preceding min utes.

The Committee of Arrangements reported an order of business, which was adopted and placed in the hands of the Moderator.

Wilson's Creek being a newly constituted Church, presented its Abstract of Principles, Covenant and statement of Constituting Presbytery, all of which was found to be regular and sound in the faith, the delegates took seats as members of the Association.

On motion of Rev. John Crisp, a correspondence is offered Catawba River, Brushy Mountain, Three Forks and Mitchell County Associations, when the following appointments were made:—Brushy Mountain, Revs. I. Oxford, J. H. West, W. A. Pool; Catawba River, M. N. Harshaw, Rev. J.S. Gwaltney; Three Forks, Revs. J. H. West, John Crisp, Isaac Smith; Mitchell County, J. F. Spainhour and any other brother who can attend.

On motion the Clerk is elected Treasurer of the Association.

The Chair announced Revs. John Crisp, R. T. Fleming, and J. H. West a committee to prepare a list

of the ordained Ministers in this Association.

Rev.J. S. Gwaltney read the rereport on State Missions, as follows:

"The State Mission Board has employed this year about 70 missionaries; these preach in 43 towns and villages, at 113 country churches and at nearly 50 out-stations, in school houses or under brush arbors. Thus by the aid of the Board more than 200 communities, otherwise destitute of Baptist preaching, are supplied. Many of these faithful laborers endure hardships no less trying and severe than the foreign missionary. The town of Lenoir being one of the towns supplied by the State Mission Board, therefore:

Resolved; That we heartily approve the action of the Board in supplying Lenoir with the Gospel as we hold it, and that we will do all in our power to assist them in supplying all the destitute places in the State of North Carolina.

M. N. Harshaw, Isaac S m i t h, I. A. Coffey,

Remarks by J. S. Gwaltney, J. F. Spainhour and others. adopted.

J.F. Spainhour took pledges from the Churches for State Missions as follows: Bethany \$2, Conway's Chapel \$2, Fleming's Chapel \$2, Globe \$11.50, John's River \$1, Lower Creek \$20, Mulberry \$1, McCall's Chapel \$1, Mt. Grove \$1, Piney Grove \$1, Pisgah \$2, Rocky Rpring \$10, Sardis (J. R. J. Annas \$1.50, W. H. H. Hartley \$2), Union \$5, Yadkin \$2, Wilson's Creek \$2.

The Association then took a recess for one hour.

Bro. M. N. Harshaw read the report on Foreign Missions, as follows:

"We the Committee, beg leave to submit the following: The Southern Baptist Convention are making an effort to fulfill Matt. 28, 19. We now have 50 Missionaries in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil and Mexico, with 57 assistants; a membership of 1323; baptised in 1884–85, 203. The Convention wants this year \$100, 000. North Carolina's part of this is \$8,000, and we think this Association ought to raise at least \$100 this year to send the Gospel to the 950,000,000 of poor heathen who are perishing for the bread of life."

M.N.Harshaw, W. C. Oxford, J. F. Crisp,

Remarks by John Crisp, J. F. Crisp, J. S. Gwaltney, J. R. J. Annas and others. Adopted.

Brother Harshaw then took pledges from the Churches for foreign Missions as follows: Bethany \$2, Conway's Chapel \$3, Globe \$41 (.50 c paid), John's River \$2.50, Lower Creek \$10, Mulberry \$2, McCall's Chapel \$1, Mt. Grove \$1, Piney Grove .50c, Pisgah \$2.50, Rocky Spring \$15, Sardis \$1, Union \$10, Wilson's Creek \$1, Yadkin \$2, Fleming's Chapel \$3, J. S. Gwaltney \$1, J. R. J. Annas \$1.50.

Rev. E. A. Poe read the report

on Periodicals as follows: "As a valuable aid to Christian workers. and for the diffusion of religious knowledge our religious literature is second only to the preaching of the truths of the Bible. In proportion to the circulation and popular attention given to the vehicles of religious intelligence, we find the people alive to every good word and work; and while a number of worthy publications are offered for our consideration, we desire especially to impress upon our people the importance of taking and reading the Biblical Recorder. It is to us the pioneer of religious intelligence. and where it has been read the people are ripe for the preached word as well as on their guard against the intrigues, errors and isms of the day. And while we would not detract from the merits of any, claim the Biblical Recorder as OUR paper. We recommend Kind Words, published at Macon, Ga., the Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va., and the Baptist Teacher, No. 1420, Chestnut St., Philadelphia, to the favorable consideration of our Sunday Schools."

J. B. Moore, R.T.Fleming,

Remarks by Elders Poe, Gwaltney and others. Adopted.

Bro. M. C. Pennell read the report on Finance. Adopted.

Rev. J. R. J. Annas read the report on Sunday Schools, as follows:

"One of the best means of teaching the Bible is the Sunday School. Therefore we urge the importance on the churches of keeping a Sunday School open 12 months in each year."

J. R. J. Annas, T. H. Barber, J.F. Spainhour,

On motion of M, N. Harshaw the discussion of Sunday Schools is made the special order for Sunday, 10 o clock, A. M.

Bro. J.F.Spainhour read a report on the Baptist Orphanage. Pending the discussion, the Association adjourned till 9½ A. M. tomorrow. Hymn 1150. Prayer, R. L. Patton leading.

THIRD DAY:

The Moderator called the Association to order at .91 A. M. Hymn 498. Prayer, Rev. E. A. Poe, leading. The Clerk read the report again on the Baptist Orphanage, as follows: "No doubt every true Christian has often wished for an oportunity to do something in a united way for the orphans in our midst. We are glad to say that the Baptist Orphanage of N. C. offers this oportunity. The Association has bought 300 acres of land near Thomasville, N. C., and buildings are begun, four of which are provided for. Others will be needed and the Association is now in need of funds. We heartily endorse this movement, and recommend that our

members become members of this Association."

W. A. Pool, E. A. Poe, Committee. J.F.Spainhour

Remarks by W. A. Pool, J. F. Spainhour, R. L. Patton and others. Adopted. Took collection for the Baptist Orphanage. Amount \$2.95.

On motion W. A. Pool, J. F. Spainhour and M.N. Harshaw were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Bro. S. M. McCall read a minority report on Temperance, as follows: "On the general subject of temperance, the Scriptures teach temperance in all things and moderation towards all men. McKnight, excellent commentator says; 'This virtue consists in a confirmed habit of governing all the affections, passions and appetites of our nature.' The revised New Testament translates it self-control and the lexicons justify it-meekness under provocations, equity in the management of business, candor in the judgment of character, sweetness in disposition, and the entire control of the passions; temperance in mind, temperance body, temperance in thought, in word and actions. the use of wine and distilled liquors this should be restricted to the infirmities of the body and limited by temperance to the quantity required for its comfort. Respectfully Submitted. S. M. McCall.

Rev. R. L. Patton read a majority

report on temperance, as follows:

"We believe that intemperance in all its forms is a sin. We believe it is a great sin for a Christian to make, sell or use liquor as a beverage. We further believe that to sell fruit, grain or anything to make liquor is also a sin. We therefore urge the Churches of Caldwell County to have nothing to do with it whatever.

John Crisp, R.L. Patton, For Com.

Bro. Spinhour moved to adopt the majority report. Remarks by John Crisp, J. F. Crisp and E. A. Poe. Bro. Harshaw moved to amend by adopting both reports. Amendment carried. Remarks by Bro. McCall. The Association adjourned till 1 o'clock, P. M.

Evening Session, 1 O'Clock, P. M.—The Moderator called the Association to order, and announced that the subject of Temperance was still before the body. Remarks by W. A. Pool and R. L. Patton. The discussion is quite spirited, when on motion of Bro. Harshaw the amendment was stricken out, and the majority report submitted by Brethren Crisp and Patton, was adopted by an overwhelming majority.

Bro. J. F. Spainhour read a report on Education, as follows:

"The only safeguard to our Republican Institutions is the education of the masses;—the only system of Schools that can reach the masses is a public system; hence the necessity of improving and sustaining

our public Schools. We would urge upon our County Superintendent the importance of granting cirtificates to those only who are fully qualified to teach, and upon our County Commissioners to observe the laws and the Constitution of the State and provide funds necessary to run these Schools. We would also urge the importance of higher education, especially ministerial. Let us do all in our power to aid the State Board in supporting the young ministers now at Wake Forest College and in placing others there.

J. F. Spainhour, Joel M. Crisp, Committee. Thos. J. Pennell.

Remarks by Bro. Spainhour., A- dopted.

Bro. Patton read the report on Home Missions, as follows:

"The Home Mission Board does its work in the bounds of the Southern-States. We heartily endorse this Board in its efforts, and would arge the Churches to take collections for this Board, and forward the same to F. H. Briggs, Raleigh, N. C. R. L. PATTON, for Com.

Bro. Harshaw reported for Committee on Time and Place of next Association, which recommended Union Church, 10 miles east of Lenoir, as the place and Tuesday after the first Sunday in September 1886, as the time.

M. N. Harshaw, J. H. West, Vandiver Teague On motion of J. S. Gwaltney the report was amended by striking out "Tuesday after first Sunday in September," and inserting "Thursday before the Second Sunday in October." The amended report was then adopted.

Bro. John M. Frazier offered the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their kindness to the delegates and visitors at this session of the Association, and to the Moderator and Clerk for the faithful performance of their duty.

J. M. Frazier, J. T. Hayes, A. E. Nelson,

Adopted. Bro. Spainhour read

the following resolution:

Resolved; That this Association endorse the efforts being made to build a Baptist church house in the town of Lenoir, and we recommend that all our churches be requested to make contributions to this cause at as early a day as possible." Adopted. Rev. John C. isp was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon before the next Association, with Rev. J. S. Gwaltney as alternate. The Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of the minutes, and have \$5 for services. The Devotional committee made announcements. Motion to adjourn. Hymn, "Elest be the Tie that Binds." Prayer, Rev. W. C. Parks leading. Adjourned. ISAAC OXFORD, MODERATOR.

W. A. POOL, CLERK.

SABBATH.

At 10 o'clock A. M. the Moderator conducted a Sunday School Massmeeting. Scripture read by Moderator, Prov. 3 Chapter. Hymn, How Happy Is the Child who Hears." Prayer, Rev. J. S. Gwaltney leadng. Addresses by F. P. Clarke, J. R. J. Annas, J. S. Gwaltney and W. C. Parks.

At 11 A. M. Rev. R. L. Patton preached on "Giving."

At 12 M. W. A. Pool preached on "The Early Training of Children," after which a collection was taken up for the Baptist Orphanage Association, amounting to \$11.60.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	P. OFFICE.	CLERKS.	P. OFFICE	A	B	C	D
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" F. P. Clarke, Lenoir	66
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" Warren Moore, Risden,	64
"Isaac Oxford, Downesville,	66
"W. A. Pool, Lenoir,	66
" Isaac Smith, "	66
"J. H. West, Cedar Valley,	"
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J. F. Crisp, Lenoir,	"
Sydney Heffner, "	ćć
Richard Hayes, Upton,	"
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Table, to be found elsewhere, col. (A.) represents the Church Membership, col. (B.) Pastors Salary, col. (C.) Minute Fund, col. (D.) shows on what Sunday-services are held.





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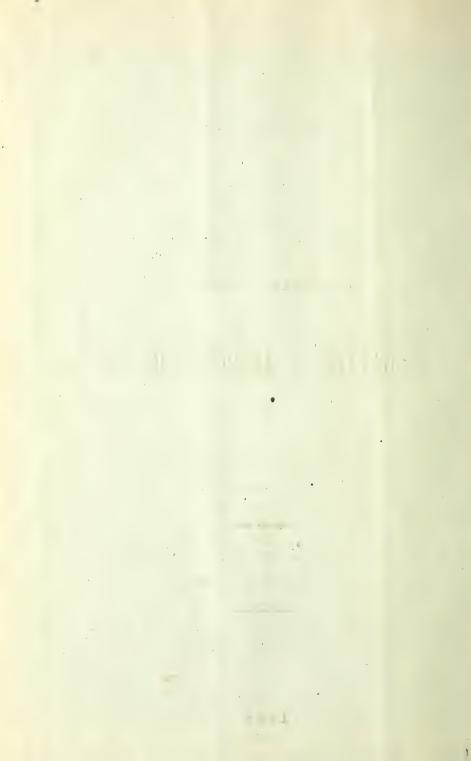
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Rev	. A. S. Church,	Lenoir,	N. $C.$
44	J. R. J Annas	Hudsonvill,	N. C.
66	F P. Clarke.	Lenoir,	N. C.
44	John Crisp,	66	66
	J. S Gwaltney,	Yadkin Valley,	6.
. 6	Warren Moore,	Risden,	66
	Isaac Oxford,	Downsville.	6.6
	W A. Pool,	Lenoir,	66
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	J. H West,	Cedar Valley,	44
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J. 1	Crisp.	Lenoir,	N C
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MINUTES

CALDWELL COUNTY BABTIST ASSOCIATION.

Union, Caldwell county, N. C., October 7th, 1886.

The annual sermon was preached by Elder John Crisp. Text. Matt. 20, 1. After a recess of 40 minutes the delegates assembled in the house. The Moderator of last association read the 122 Psalm, the congregation sung, "I love Thy Kingdom, Lord," and Elder A. C. Farthing lead in prayer.

Brethren J. F. Crisp and T. C. Sherrill read the letters from the churches, and the following delegates were enrolled: 1, Bethany, not represented, 2, Conway's Chapel, F. M. C. Barber, W. B. Braswell, H. M. Clarke; 3, Globe, Jesse Moore; John's River, not represented; Lower Creek, M. E. Thompson, S. J. Stokes, I. A. Coffey; 6, Mulberry, Joel M. Crisp; 7, McCall's Chapel, Jason Underdown; 8, Mountain Grove, W. M. Ingle, Henry Ward; 9, Piney Grove, John B. Greer, Vincent Greer; 10, Pisgah, J. T. Crisp, J. H. Crisp; 11, Rocky Spring, J. H. Walker; 12, Sardis, W. H. H. Hartley; 13, Union, S. H. Oxford, H. P. Anderson, W. W. Brown; 14, Wilson's Creek, J. C. Phillips; 15 Yadkin, J. B. Moore, A. E. Nelson; 16, Fleming's Chapel, not represented.

The association then organized by electing Elder Isaac Oxford Moderator and W. A. Pool Clerk, Elders A. C Farthing and D. K. Bennett being tellers.

Opened door for the reception of churches when the following presented letters by their delegates. Dudley Shoals brings a letter from Brushy Mountain association. Delegates, W. O. Mangum, B. M. Saterwhite, T. C. Sherrill. Lovelady church from same association, delegate, N. P. Bumgarner Union 2nd, a newly constituted, colored church. Delegate John Moore, which churches were received and the delegates took seats in the association.

Invited visitors and correspondents and the following accepted seats: Elder A. C. Farthing from the Three Forks Association, Elder D. K. Bennett from Catawba association, Elder H. D. Lequeux, Bros, W. S. McLeod, J. F. Spainhour from Brushy Mountain association, and Elder C. J. Woodson, Visitor.

The chair then announced the following committees:

Arrangements, John Crisp, Jesse Moore, J. B. Greer, S. J. Stokes, W. H. H. Hartley. Devotion, the pastor and delegates of Union church and J. H. West. Finance, T. S. Sherrill, J. B. Moore Periodicals, H. D. Lequeux, A. S. Church. Temperance, A. C. Farthing, S. H. Oxford. Resolutions, W. O. Mangum, Warren Moore. Home missions, D. K. Bennet, C. J. Woodson. State missions, W. S. McLeod, J. F. Crisp. For eign missions, J. H. West, M. E. Thompson. Baptist Orphanage, J. B. Moore, H. P. Anderson. Education, J. H. Walker, H. D. Lequeux. Sabbath Schools J. H. Crisp, A. H. Church. Time and place of next association, J. B. Moore, Vincent Greer, Joel M. Crisp.

On motion the Association asked the committee of arrangements to advise the churches how to deal with disorderly members. On motion C. J. Woodson and John Crisp are appointed a committee on church and pestoral relation. On motion W. H. H. Hartley and W. A. Pool are appointed a committee on obituaries.

The Hours of Business for this session are fixed as follows: Meet at 9 1-2 A. M. adjourn at 11 1-2, meet at 1 P. M. and adjourn at will. Devotional committee made announcements. Adjourned with prayer H. D. Lequeux leading.

SECOND DAY.

October 8, 1886.

The Moderator called the association to order with praise and prayer. Read and corrected minutes of yesterday. Read the constitution, by laws and abstract of principles.

On motion of brother John Crisp the 3rd article of the abstract of principles is amended so as to read as follows: We believe in the total depravity of the human heart; and man's impotency to recover himself from his fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability and we do believe in the soverignty of God."

Committee of arrangements report an order of business which was adopted Called on correspondents to report; reports satisfactory.

Appointed correspondents as follows: To Three Fork association, J. H. West, I. Oxford. John Crisp, A. S. Church, W. A. Pool. Catawba association, T. C. Sherrill, W. H. H. Hartley, T. M. C. Barber, J. B. Moore, H. W. Clarke, W. O. Mangum. Brushy Mountain association, J. B. Greer, J. H. West, I. Oxford, A. S. Church, V. Greer, S. J. Stokes, W. A. Pool. Mitchell county association, J. M. Walker, J. F. Crisp. Delegates to Baptist State covention, E. P. McRary, W. A. Pool.

On motion any brother of this association in good standing with his church at home attending any of the associations with which we correspond or the State convention is authorized to represent himself as a correspondent or delegate as the case may be.

Appointed the clerk treasurer. Brother D. K. Bennett read the report on home missions as follows:

"This board is laboring to send the preached word to the destitute points in the Southern States and the Island of Cuba. God has recently blessed its efforts in Key West, Cuba, among the Indian tribes and in our own State. We heartily endorse its efforts and earnestly recommend our churches and members to diligence in the matter, to strengthen the hands of this Board by sending contributions to F. H. Briggs Raleigh N. C. D. K. Bennett, C. J. Woodson.

Remarks by D. K. Bennett, J. F. Spainhour, W. A. Pool. Report adopted. On motion the clerks of the several churches are appointed

correspondents with the Vice President of the said board. Recess until 1 o'clock p. m. During recess brother A. C. Farthing preached. Text, 2nd Timothy, 4th chapter, 2nd verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion the chair appointed the following historical committee to report at next association: Jesse Moore, A. C. Farthing, Elisha Puett, D. K. Bennett, J. H. West, and W. E. White, and upon motion the modera tor and clerk were added. The duty of this committee is to gath er as much history as possible relative to the churches of the association giving the date of their constitution, the names of the presbytery, the associations to which they have belonged, from what association they came to organize this one, and any matters of interest to the denomination. Biother J. F. Crisp read the report on State Missions as follows:

Your committee feels incompetent to the magnitude of this work, and were we ever so capable cannot hope to accomplish more in a written report than to direct attention to the subject. This board has upwards of 70 missionaries in the field, from the mountains to the sea, and God is blessing their labors. We earnestly recommend it to your kind and christian consideration as well as your united and immediate action. Let us make it an object of of earnest prayer and liberal contributions.

J. F. CRISP, W. S. MCLEOD.

Remarks by J. F. Spainhour John Crisp, and others. Report adopted, W. A. Pool took the following pledges for this for this work. Conway's Chapel \$4, Globe \$10, John's River by E. D. Crisp \$1, Lower Creek \$20, Mt. Grove \$1, A. S. Church 1.50, Joel M. Crisp 50 cts. J. J. Underdown, 50 cts, John B. Greer \$1.25, William Pennell 25 cents, Jno Crisp \$1, J. F. Crisp, \$1, J. H. Crisp \$1, Rocky Spring \$8, W. H. H. Hartley, \$1 A. G. Hartley \$1, Union \$5, Wilson's Creek \$1, Yadkin \$2 Dudley Shoals \$5, Union 2nd \$2, J. H. West \$5, William Ingle 50 cents

Brother C. J. Woodson read the report on church and pastoral relation as follows:

The duties of the churches and pastors are reciprocal. We conceive it to be the imperative duty of the pastor to preach the word, to reprove rebuke and exhort with all long suffering and doctrine, and to administer the ordinances of the gospel. We likewise conceive it to be the duty of the churches to pray for their pastors, to cooperate in all their works of fait hand labors of love, and to contribute liberally to their support. That they may give themselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word. Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things, "For God hath ordained that they which preach the gospel shall live of the gospel. C. J. WOODSON,

JOHN CRISP.

Remarks by C. J Woodson, A. C. Farthing, and John Crisp Report adopted. Brother H. D. Lequeux read the report on periodicals as follows:

Realizing the importance and necessity of good, sound religious literature in the family and Sabbath Schools, your committe heartily recommend the Biblical Recorder, the organ of the great Baptist family of North Carolina, as worthy of the denomination, it so faithfully and ably represents, and as a fearless advocate of the truth as it is in Jesus. Foreign Mission also as worthy of our sympathy and support always being filled with news from the foreign field We also recommend Kind Words, the Baptist Teacher, the Advanced Quarterly and the Lesson Helps furnished by the supply store at Raleigh as invalvable aids to the proper study of God's Word the ultimate aim of which is to lead the tender and susceptible minds of the young to the mountain of truth that their hearts may be cleansed from all sin by the blood of the Lamb.

H. D. LEQUEUX.

A. S. CHURCH.

Remarks by C. J. Woodson and others. W. A. Pool takes subscri bers for the Recorder. Report adopted, Adjourned with prayer Devotional committee make announcements.

THIRD DAY.

October 9.

After spending 30 minutes in praise and prayer, the Moderator takes the chair at 9 1-2 a, m. Read and corrected minutes of yesterday. Brother A. S. Church read the following report on Sabbath Schools:

We your committee earnestly urge upon the churches the importance and necessity of Sunday schools. We believe them to be a great auxiliary to the church—one of the best means of keeping the church actively engaged in the Master's work. A. S. CHURCH. J. H. CRISP.

Report adopted and the discussion deferred until 9 1-2 tomorrow morning in mass meeting. Committee on time and place of next associa tion report as follows:

Time, Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October 1887. Place, Pi ney Grove church in Caldwell county, 10 miles northeast of Lenoir and 5 miles east of Patterson on the road leading from Patterson to Wilkesboro W. A. Pool is appointed to preach the annual sermon at the next as sociation with F. P. Clarke alternate.

Brother S. H. Oxford read the following report on temperance:

The so called moderate use of intoxicating drinks is doing more harm than is done by those who drink and vomit like the dog. Therefore we are candidly of the opinion that all christians shall totally abominate the use of all intoxicating drinks, and do all they can to banish the same from the land, and we further believe that all churches having members who persist in the use of intoxicating drinks should endeavor to reclaim them and if churches will not refuse to recognize the right of drunkards to membership among them we are candidly of the opinion the associations should withdraw from such churches

A. C. FARTHING.

S. H. OXFORD,

The report was amended as follows: Resolved, That we heartily favor the adoption of a State constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture, sale and importation of all intoxicating liquors, and earnes tly request our senators and representatives in the next General Assembly to use their exertions to secure the passage of the same.

The report as amended was then made the special order for 1 oclock p. m. Brother J. F. Spainhour read the following report on education:

The subject of education is one of vast importance—one in which we as Baptists, are particularly and deeply interested, because the more intelligent the masses become the more they will read and the better they will understand what they read, and the natural and inevitable result will be a thorough investigation of what they read and hear. And as we are willing to abide by the law and the testimony our spiritual growth and development depend largely on the education of our boys and girls in first class schools taught by Baptists. Your committee feel proud to state that we have these schools. We therefore recommend Globe, Hibriten, Moravian Falls, and Cedar Run Academies, as schools of high grade, taught by thorough scholars and christian gentlemen and for higher, especially ministerial education, we would recommend Wake Forest College.

H. D. LEQUEUX

J. H. WALLER

J. F. SPAINHOUR.

Remarks by J. F. Spainhour, A. S. Church and others. Report adopted. Took recess until 1 o'clock p. m. During recess D. K. Bennett preached. Text. John 1, 4, 2.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator in the chair. The special hour having arrived, temperance is taken up and discussed by C. J. Woodson, Jno. Crisp, A. C. Farthing, J. F. Spainhour, Jesse Moore, and D. K. Bennett. The amended report was unanimously adopted. Brother J. H. West read the following report of Foreign Missions.

We are informed that there are 1,016,281,000 of heathens in foreign

lands with only some 22 missionary Baptist preachers and 27 ladies with about 44 native assistants. Therefore it behooves every man and woman who has felt the love of God shed abroad in their hearts, to bestir within themselves, by the Grace of God which hath appeared unto all men, to wake up and listen to the words of Jesus Christ sayng "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature."

M. E. THOMPSON, J. H. WEST.

Remarks by W. A Pool, J. E, Spainhour took pledges for Foreign Missions as follows, Conway, S Chapel \$5, Globe, \$40, Lower Creek, \$10, Mountain Grove \$1.00 J. F. Crisp, \$100 Rocky Spring, \$8, Union, \$16, Sardis, \$1. Wilson Creek, \$2, Yadkin, \$1, Dudley Shoals, \$5, Union 2nd \$1, A. S. Church, 1.50, Report adopted. Bro J. B Moore read the following report on the Baptist orphanage.

"We are glad to say that our Baptist orphanage at Thomasville is one of the best institutions presented to our minds. Therefore we highly recommend to this association to encourage all her delegates to give of their means for keeping it up as that all our poor children may be cared for, J. B. MOORE, H. P. ANDERSON, Remarks by J. F. Spainhour and others, adopted. Bro W.H. H. Hartley read the lollowing obituary:

Elder Robert T. Fleming died July 29th, 1886. He professed religion in early life and joined the church at Fleming's Chapel, then a branch of Lower Creek church, about the year 1867, and was soon thereafter licensed to preach. He was ordained to the ministry in the year 1872 by a presbytery consisting of......

and from that time till his death was a faithful minister of the Gospel preaching in the vicinity of Lenoir, planting the church at McCall's Chabel, and was pastor of several churches in Caldwell and Burke counties, doing great work for the Master. He greatly felt the need of education and was striving to educate himself, having spent a year at Globe academy. We had thought the Lord had a great work for him; but the Lord of the harvest has called him away May He raise up another to fill the place thus made vacant.

W. H. H. HARTLEY.

" of churches \$14 43, from delgates \$5 on Minute Fund 19 43.

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W. A. Pool then read the following from the Committee of Arrange ments: In answer to the request of the Association for advice to the churches:—We advise the churches to deal with disorderly members as directed in 1 Cor. 5 11; 1 Cor. 6, 9 and 10; 2 Thes. 3, 6, and 11, 12; and Rom. 16, J7, 18 and Phil. 3, 18 and 19.

Whereupon the Association unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLVED; That this Association will strictly adhere to and carry out her Constitution. [See Art. 12.] "This Association shall not maintain fellowship towards any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve gospel order amongst their members, nor any of her churches and ministers who treat her constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote gospel principles and order."

Bro W. O. Mangum read the following.

RESOLVED. That the thanks of this association are due and are here by tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their kindness to the delegates and visitors of this association.

W, O, MANGUM. WARREN MOORE,

W. A. Pool, Treasurer of the last Association, made a report, as follows:

W. A. POOL Treasurer, in account with CALDWELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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On motion adjourned, J. F. Spainhour leading in prayer Devotion.

W A. POOL Clerk.

I. OXFORD Mod.

SABBATH.

At 9:30 Sunday school Massmeeting conducted by the Moderator. Addressed by C. J. Woodsen, J. F. Spainhour and Jesse Moore.

At 11 a. m., Sermon by Elder A. C. Farthing. Text, Romans 5, 1, after which a collection of \$6.41 was taken for State Missions.

At 1 p. m., Sermon by Elder H. D. Lequeux. Text, 1 Timothy, 6, 17.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

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Conways' Chapel; 64 scholars. Kept open 12 months in the year. Average attendance 40.

Dudley Shoals No school reported.

Flemming's Chapel. No Letter.

Globe. 119 scholars. Average attendance 45. Evergreen. 30 vol. in Library. 20 copies Kind Words.

John's River. School reported. No statistics given.

Lower Creek Average attendance 63. Evergreen, 3 branch schools conducted by members.

Lovelady. No school reported.

Mulberry. No school reported,

McCall's Chapel, 30 scholars. Average attendance 20, Kept open 6 months.

Mountain Grove, 45 scholars. Average attendance 30. Kebt open 8 months. 10 Baptist Teachers. 20 Kind Words.

Piney Grove. No School report.

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Rocky Spring, 60 scholars. Evergreen. 42 volumes, in Library. 3 copies of Baptist Teacher.

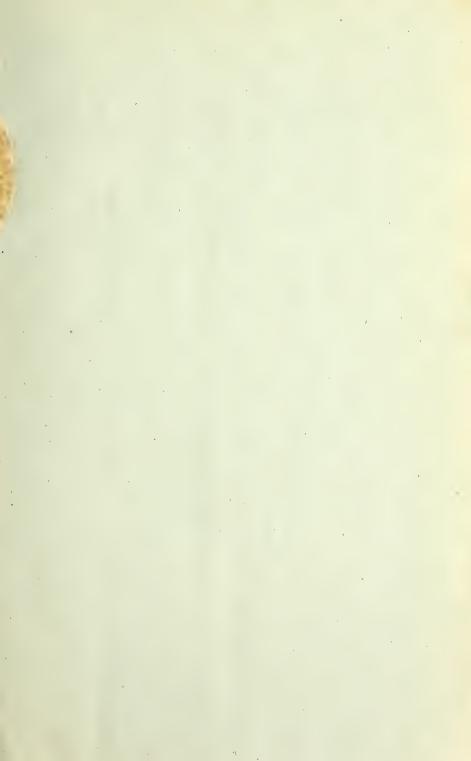
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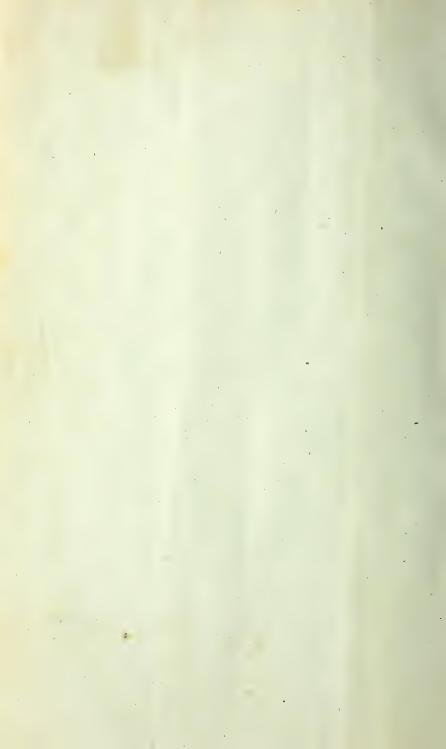
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PROCEEDINGS

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CALDWELL COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

PINEY GROVE CHURCH, October 20, 1887.

Despite the inclement weather, a goodly number of delegates and visitors are present.

Elder W. A. Pool preaches the annual sermon, on the "Nature and Constitution of a New Testament Christian Church." Text: I. Corinthians, 1: 2 and 3.

After a short recess the delegates reassemble. Elder Isaac Oxford, Moderator of last Association, calls the house to order and reads Psalm 65. Hymn, "Blest are the sons of peace" etc. is sung.

Brethren A. E. Nelson and W. F. Marshall, by request, read the letters from the several churches, a digest of which will be found further on in the appended tables.

On motion, the delegates of McCall's Chapel are allowed to vote, their letter not baving arrived.

The body organizes by electing Elder Isaac Oxford Moderator, and W. F. Marshall Clerk, Elders C. J. Woodson and H. D. Lequeux being tellers.

On invitation by the Moderator, Elder C. J. Woodson accepts a seat as a visitor from the New River Association of Va., and receives the right hand of welcome.

The Moderator appoints the following

Committees:

ARRANGEMENTS.—W. A. Pool, J. B. Greer, H. D. Lequeux, John Crisp, T. C. Sherrill.

DEVOTION.—Pastor and delegates of Piney Grove church, with A. E. Nelson.

FINANCE.-J. K. Farthing, John Estes, J. I. McRary.

Periodicals.—H. D. Lequeux, T. C. Sherrill, H. C. Moore.

TEMPERANCE.—John Crisp, A. S. Church, H. D. Lequeux.

RESOLUTIONS .- I. A. Coffey, Thomas Curtis, W. H. H. Hartley.

Home Missions.—W. A. Pool, J. B. Greer, E. D. Crisp.

STATE MISSIONS .-- A. E. Nelson, M. E. Thompson, J. I. McRary

FOREIGN MISSIONS.--J. F. Crisp, C. J. Woodson, Wm. Pennell. BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.--J. B. Moore, T. C. Sherrill, E. D. Crisp.

EDUCATION.—H. D. Lequeux, W. A. Pool, J. L. Beack.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—T. C. Sherrill, T. M. C. Barber, Edmund Curtis. CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS.—C. J. Woodson, W. F. Marshall.

TIME AND PLACE.—Hight Moore, W. H. H. Hartley, I. A. Coffey.

The hours of meeting and adjournment are by motion fixed as follows:

meet at 9 a.m., adjourn at 12 m.; meet at 1 p.m., adjourn at pleasure.

The Committee on Devotion announce Elder C. J. Woodson to preach to-morrow morning. Adjournment.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY, Oct. 21.

MORNING SESSION.

At 9 o' clock the delegates and visitors assemble, and devotional exercises are conducted by the Moderator.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

On motion, King's Creek church from Brushy Mountain Association and New Hope church, recently organized, are received by letter into this Association.

Letters from New Hope, King's Creek, Granite, formerly Lovelady, and Mountain Grove churches are read and their delegates duly enrolled.

The roll is called.

The Committee of arrangements submit their report, which is read and by motion adopted.

On motion the Moderator proceeds to take up the business of the Association in the order outlined in the report made by the Committee of Arrangements.

The following brethren reported as correspondents:

Elder W. A. Pool for Brushy mountain, Three Forks, and Catawba River Associations, Bro. J. F. Crisp for Mitchell county Association, Elder A. S. Church for Brushy Mountain Association.

The Moderator appoints correspondents and delegates as follows: Three Forks: Elders H. D. Lequeux, W. A. Pool.

Erushy Mountain: Wm. Pennell, W. A. Pool.

Catawba River: F. P. Coffey, T. C. Sherrill.

Mitchell Co. Association: J. F. Crisp, M. C. Pennell, E. D. Crisp. Baptist State Convention: W. A. Pool.

On motion of Elder W. A. Pool, any brother of this Association, in good standing with his church at home attending any of the Associations with which we correspond or the State Convention, is authorized to represent himself as our correspondent or delegate as the case may be.

Adjournment for preaching.

At eleven o'clock Elder C. J. Woodson preaches from Rev. 3: 15, 16.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Promptly at 12:30 the delegates and visitors reassemble, and the Association is called to order by the Moderator.

Letters from McCall's Chapel and Fleming's Chapel are read and their delegates enrolled.

Eld. H. D. Lequeux reads the following

Report on Education:

The education of the masses is of paramount importance; for on this depends the safety of the government and the prosperity of our country. It is therefore a duty we owe to our children that they be sent to first class Baptist institutions, and that they be properly instructed, for it is exceedingly hard "to unlearn what has been learned amiss". If the masses are ignorant they will elect ignorant officers to represent them and, as "ignorance is the parent of vice", they will become vicious in proportion to their illiteracy.

Your committee take pleasure in recommending Globe Academy as an institution of high grade, and emmently worthy of your support. The principal is an accomplished scholar, a trained educator and a

devoted christian.

For higher education we recommend Wake Forest as second to no college in the South both as to its faculty and the moral and religious influences which are thrown around its students.

H. D. LEQUEUX, Chairman.

After discussion by Elders C. J Woodson and W. A. Pool the report is adopted.

On motion, the ministers of this Association are requested to preach to their respective congregations at least once a year on the importance of education.

Elder W. A. Pool reads the following

Report on Home Missions:

By Home Missions is meant the work of the Southern Baptist Convention in trying to supply all the destitution in the South, among the Indians, and in Cuba.

There are 251 missionaries employed by this Board this year occu-

pying 822 Stations. They have baptised to this time 3923.

We recommend that all the churches make liberal contributions to this work.

W. A. Pool, Chairman.

The report is impressively discussed by Bro. W. A. Pool, and on motion the clerks of the several churches of this Association are appointed to attend to raising funds for the Home Mission Board in their churches. The report is then adopted.

Elder H. D. Lequeux reads the following

Report on Temperance:

Intemperance is one of the most pernicious and fashionable evils of the day, and has not only exerted a destructive influence on the world but has invaded the church of Christ. We are glad to say however that there is a marked impovement in regard to this evil—that the Baptists are taking a decided stand against this hydraheaded monster, and we urge upon the churches in this Association the necessity and duty of discountenancing in every shape and form the use (unless prescribed by a competent physician) sale, or manufacture of what has been truly called "liquid damnation".

H. D. LEQUEUX, Chairman.

The report is discussed by Brethren E. D. Crisp, C. J. Woodson, H. D. Lequeux, A. S. Church, W. F. Marshall, and on motion is adopted.

Bro. Lindsey Triplet, as correspondent of Brushy Mountain Association, is invited to a seat and receives the right hand of welcome.

Bro. M. C. Pennell moves the following: Resolved that every pastor within the bounds of this Association preach at least one sermon each year on Bible Temperance.

Bro. John Crisp is appointed to preach to night and Eld. H.D. Lequeux to-morrow morning.

Adjournment with prayer, Bro. F. P. Coffey leading.

At night Elder John Crisp preaches from Isaiah 55: 6.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, Oct. 22.

MORNING SESSION.

Moderator calls the Association to order and conducts devotional exercises, reading Ps. 116.

The Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

Elder W. A. Pool, former Clerk and Treasurer, reads the following

Treasurer's Report:

W. A. Pool, Treasurer, in account with Caldwell Co. Association:

To Finance Com. for Foreign Missions	\$30.50
"Finance Com. for State Missions	11.90
"Sunday Collection for State Missions	6.41
"Finance Com. for Minute fund	14.43
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W. A. Pool. Treasurer.

The report is adopted and Bro. Pool re-elected as Treasurer.

On motion the Clerk is appointed to superintend printing and distributing the Minutes, 500 copies, and is allowed \$5.00 for his services.

Bro. Chas. Walker. as a correspondent from the Brushy Mt, Association, is welcomed to a seat.

The Committee submit the following

Report on Periodicals:

Realizing the importance of sound, religious literature in the family as a promoter of practical Christia nity, your Committee urge upon the members of the different churches the importance of reading the Biblical Recorder as the organ of the great Baptist family of N. C. If this paper was more widely circulated there would be ten dollars cheerfully contributed to the cause of Christ to every one now given grudgingly. Kind Words, the Foreign Mission Journal, and the Baptist Teacher are also recommended.

H. D. LEQUEUX, Chairman.

After forceful discussion by Elders T. C. Sherrill and W. A. Pool the report on Periodicals is adopted.

Bro. Pool takes subscribers for the Recorder.

Bro. H. C. Moore, of the Committee on Time and Place reads a report and after discussion and amendment of the same, the Association adopts the following

Report on Time and Place:

For the meeting of the next session of our Association, your Committee recommend Thursday before the first Sunday in August as the time, and Sardis church, five miles from Lenoir on the Narrow Gauge Road as the place.

Elder H. D. Lequeux is appointed to preach the annual sermon, with Elder A. S. Church, Alternate.

H. C. MOORE, Chairman.

Bro. J. K. Farthing reads the following

Report on Finances:

Received for

State Missions	 \$18.65
Foreign Missions	 17.70
Minute Fund	
Home Missions	 3.00
Orphanage	 2.05

Total \$59.75

J. K. FARTHING, Chairman.

Adopted. It is moved that the Treasurer be paid the amount shown to be due him (See Treasurer's Report, page 7.). The brethren promptly respond with contributions and the deficit is paid.

Bro. E. D. Crisp reads the following

Report on the Baptist Orphanage:

We consider the Baptist Orphanage, situated at Thomasville, N. C., of great importance, inasmuch as it is a home for the poor fatherless and motherless boys and girls of our land.

We therefore earnestly request the churches in the Association to aid Bro. J. H. Mills in this great work by contributing of their means, and praying God's choicest blessings to rest upon them.

E. D. CRISP, Chairman.

Discussed by Brethren Pool, Marshall, Woodson, and Oxford.

On motion the Association adjourns for services. Elder H. D. Lequeux preaches at the out-door stand to a large and attentive congregation. Subject, "Christian giving"; text, Malachi, 3:8. "Will a man rob God?" etc.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After devotional exercises, the following visitors are welcomed to seats: Elder G. W. Greene, T. C. Land, and J. F. Steele of the Brushy Mountain Association; Elder Larkin Pipes of Stony Fork, and Brethren McGinnis and W. F. Knight of Three Forks.

Report on the Baptist Orphanage is adopted.

Bro. A. E. Nelson reads the following

Report on State Missions:

The object of State Missions is the preaching of the Gospel in every

neighborhood in North Carolina.

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The State Board of Missions has this year in its employment for all or a part of their time 82 preachers, supplying several hundred stations. Among them is some of the best talent in the Baptist Ministry in the state, and they are doing a work the importance of which no man can tell.

The Board is needing money to pay these faithful men of God. We therefore advise our churches to take collections at once for this object.

A. E. Nelson, Chairman.

The report is discussed by Elder G. W. Greene in a strong and interesting speech, after which a collection of \$8.17 is taken for State Missions. After further discussions by Elders C. J. Woodson, W. A. Pool, and G. W. Greene, the report is adopted.

On motion, the State Board is petitioned for the usual appropriation of \$150.00 for Bro. W. A. Pool at Lenoir.

The Association adopts the following: Resolved that we as pastors and delegates pledge ourselves to try to raise one fourth more for State Missions this year than we raised last year.

On motion of Bro. M. C. Pennel, a committee of seven from the Association is appointed to correspond and co-operate with the State Board.

The Moderator appoints

J. B. Moore, T

M. N. Harshaw,

T. C. Sherrill,
J. L. Beack,

John Frazier, E. C. Oxford,

F. P. Moore.

Elder C. J. Weedson reads the following

Report on Foreign Missions:

Just before his ascension our Savior said to his disciples, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Brethren, it is our duty to aid in carrying out this great commission by contributing of our means to the support of those who are called of God to

preach the gospel in foreign lands.

"If you can not give your thousands,
You can give the widow's mite;
And the least you do for Jesus
Will be precious in his sight."

C. J. Woodson, Chairman.

Discussed by Elders W. A. Pool and G. W. Greene. Adopted.

On motion of Bro. Pool it is resolved that we pledge ourselves to try to raise as much for Foreign Missions as we raised last year Elder C. J. Woodson reads the following report on

Church and Pastoral Relations:

It is the duty of the pastor to preach the Word and to administer the ordinances. It is the duty of the church to support the pastor and pray for him.

C. J. Woodson, Chairman.

Discussed by Elders C. J. Woodson and I. Oxford. Adopted.

The committee, through Bro. T. C. Sherrill, submit the following

Report on Sunday Schools:

The Sunday School is the auxiliary of the church and is indespensible to its growth and development. There may be churches in which Sabbath schools are taught that are not in a prosperous condition; but it will be found to be almost invariably true that when this is the case it will be a "dead mother holding a dead child in her arms".

We are sorry to say, that in a majority of cases, our churches seem to manifest no interest in this important work. How can we neglect the Sunday School without being guilty concerning our children? Your Committee recommend that Sabbath Schools be kept up regu-

Your Committee recommend that Sabbath Schools be kept up regularly in all the churches. God has wonderfully blessed the Sunday School work, and thousands have been led, through this instrumentality, to the Lord Jesus Christ.

T. C. Sherrill, Chairman.

On motion of Bro. Lequeux, discussion is postponed until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Bro. W. H. H. Hartley reads, and the Association adopts, the following

Report on Resolutions:

Resolved That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their kindess and hospitality to delegates and visitors at this session of the Association, and to the Moderator and Clerk for the faithful performance of their duty as officers of this body.

W. H. H. HARTLEY, Chairman.

The Historical Committee appointed a year ago asks for another year's time. The request is granted.

The committee on Devotion report on services for to night and tomorrow. Bro. M. C. Pennel moves that on to-morrow morning a collection be taken for the Orphanage.

Song, "Blest be the tie that binds," is sung, and after benediction the Association adjourns.

ISAAC OXFORD, Moderator.

W. F. MARSHALL, Clerk.

At night Elder G. W. Greene preaches.

SUNDAY'S SESSION.

Early in the morning delegates and visitors in large numbers assembled at the stand. After devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator, a Sunday School Mass meeting is held.

Speeches are made by Elders W. A. Pool, C. J. Woodson, T. C. Sherrill, G. W. Greene.

Elder W. A. Pool preaches at the stand, and Elder H. D. Lequeux in the church. Collection for the Baptist Orphanage is taken, amounting to \$11.34 ets.

In the afternoon, Elder G. W. Greene preached at the stund, and Elder J. H. West in the church.

With these exercises ended another of those seasons of happy meeting and greeting among friends and brethren and sisters—seasons which come none too oft in this world of ours to typify that eternal and glorious reunion in the Beulah land.

W. F. MARSHALL. Clerk.

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PROCEEDINGS

---OF THE----

Caldwell County Baptist Association of North Carolina.

SARDIS CHURCH, August 2, 1888.

Delegates from the various churches and a number of visitors assemble at the church, and at 11:30 a. m. Eld. H. D. Lequeux preaches the introductory sermon from Prov. 23:32.

After a short recess the delegates assemble for organizing.

With Elder I. Oxford as Moderator and W. F. Marshall as Clerk, the body proceeds to organize.

The church letters are read by Brethren M. N. Harshaw and J. F. Crisp, after which Elders G. W. Greene and C. J. Woodson as tellers take the vote for officers. The ballot results in the election of Elder H. D. Lequeux as Moderator and W. F. Marshall Clerk.

Elder W. A. Pool is re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

The newly elected Moderator now takes the chair.

The invitation to seats is accepted by visiting brethren G. W. Greene of the Brushy Mountain Association and W. E. White of the Alexander Co. The former announces himself as the authorized representative of the Biblical Recorder.

The Moderator appoints the following

Committees:

ARRANGEMENTS.—I. Oxford, L. S. Hartley, D. W. Presnell, W. A. Pool, John Crisp.

DEVOTION.—Pastor and Delegates of this church.

FINANCE.—A. E. Nelson, M. N. Harshaw, Newton Woods.

Periodicals.—W. A. Pool, E. D. Crisp, F. P. Coffey.

TEMPERANCE —I. Oxford, J. B. Moore, A. S. Church.

RESOLUTIONS.—H. N. Coffey, J. B. Greer, W. E. Coffey.

Home Missions.—W. A. Pool, J. T. Shell, John Crisp.

STATE MISSIONS .- G. W. Greene, L. C. King, H. C. Moore.

Foreign Missions.—C. J. Woodson, J. B. Greer, M. N. Harshaw.

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By motion, the hours of meeting and adjournment are fixed as follows: FORENOON. Time of meeting, 9 o'clock. Adjournment, 12 o'clock. AFTERNOON. Time of meeting, 1 o'clock. Adjourn at pleasure.

Report of Correspondents is called for. Elder W. A. Pool reported having attended the Baptist State Convention as our duly appointed delegate.

Committee on devotion announce that Elder I. Oxford will preach to morrow at 11 a.m., after which the Committee on Hospitality assign delegates to their homes. Adjournment.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY, Aug. 3.

MORNING SESSION.

At 9 o'clock the Association is called to order by the Moderator, who conducts devotional exercises.

The roll is called, absentees noted, and minutes of yesterday read and approved.

A report of the Committee of Arrangements is submitted and received, after which the business of the Association is taken up in the order therein outlined. "Should a church receive as evidence against a disorderly member the testimony of a person who is not a member of a Baptist church?" is placed before the Association for answer. The Moderator requests Elder I. Oxford to answer, and his answer is adopted by the Association as follows:

"Any person of good moral character called on to testify against a disorderly member under censure of the church should be heard orally the same as a church member."

"What is the duty of the church toward a member who can and will not help bear the expenses of the church?" is likewise submitted. By request Eld. G. W. Greene gives answer, which answer is adopted as follows:

"Pray with him and for him and try to instruct him, and if he still persist in the neglect of duty, withdraw fellowship from him."

Bro. J. V. McCall, clerk of the Catawba River Association, accepts the invitation to a seat with us.

Correspondents are appointed as follows:

Three Forks: C. J. Woodson, W. A. Pool.

Brushy Mountain: Wm. Pennell, W. A. Pool.

Alexander Co.: W. A. Pool, I. Oxford, J. W. West.

Ashe and Alleghany: C. J. Woodson. South Fork: W. A. Pool, I. Oxford.

Catawba River: F. P. Coffey, T. C. Sherrill.

Mitchell Co.: J. F. Crisp, M. C. Pennell, E. D. Crisp.

State Convention: W. A. Pool, F. P. Moore.

By a majority vote the following is made a By-law of this body: Any brother of this Association, in good standing with the church home, who attends any of the Associations with which we correspond or the State Convention, is authorized to represent himself as our correspondent or delegate, as the case may be.

The letter from New Hope is read and her delegates seated.

Elder G. W. Greene reads the

Report on Education.

Your Committee note with pleasure a growing interest in education. The masses now have access to more schools and better schools than they have ever had before. Still we do not believe that our efforts are as vet commensurate with the importance of the matter.

We urge all parents to educate their children as far as lies within their power. Let them make sacrifices for their children. Brains are

better than dirt.

The public schools, within reach of all, should be fully sustained. To such of our members as are committeemen we would say, "Employ as instructors of your children only competent teachers of unimpeachable and even aggressive moral character."

With pride, too, we note that most of the leading academies and high schools within and adjacent to the bounds of our Association are under Baptist control and taught by Baptist teachers. These schools we heartily commend to your prayers, your interest, and your support.

We fear, too, that fathers are interested in schooling their sons to the neglect of their daughters. If of a son and daughter only one

can be educated, let that one be the daughter.

For higher collegiate education we point with pride and confidence to Wake Forest College for young men and to Thomasville, Oxford,

and Murfreesboro for young ladies.

There is an evident rising tide in favor of the education of the masses of the people. Each generation will go a step beyond the preceding. It is, therefore, important that the ministry should have equal, if not greater educational facilities. The preacher is also a teacher; but how can be teach those who know more than he? He ought to be a leader; but if the masses have higher advantages than he, he must be only a follower.

The churches have prayed the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest, and the laborers are offering themselves. God has called them; let the churches see to it that they do not enter the work with meager preparation. Search out the young men whom God has called to this great work, encourage them, and let them not enter the ministry without all possible preparation for it.

Many of them are poor. As in New Testament times, God still calls many poor men to the gospel ministry. He calls upon the churches to do all they can to help educate these men. All the churches ought to

take collections for this object.

Might not the churches of this Association look out some worthy young man, called of God to the work, help him through Globe Academy, and then through Wake Forest College?

G. W. GREENE, Chairman.

Discussed by Brethren W. F. Marshall and G. W. Greene.

Adjournment for preaching.

At eleven o'clock Eld. Isaac Oxford preaches from Dan. 2:44, on "The Setting up and Perpetuation of Christ's Kingdom on Earth".

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1 o'clock the body is called to order and the Moderator conducts devotional exercises.

Brethren J. S. and W. A. Tilley of Catawba River Association are invited to seats.

The report on education is by vote adopted.

Elder W. A. Pool reads the

Treasurer's Report.

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W. A. Pool, Treasurer.

This report is received and Bro. M. N. Harshaw reads the

Report on Finances.

Seceived for	
Foreign Missions	\$23.04
Home Missions	
State Missions	6.40
Baptist Orphanage	
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Ministerial Education (Lower	Creek) 2.00

Total..... \$52.22 A. E. Nelson, Chairman.

Bro. M. N. Harshaw moves that the roll be called and the delegates requested to make up the deficiency in the Minute Fund.

Eld. W. A. Pool reads the

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Report on Home Missions.

There has perhaps never been a time in the history of the Baptists in the South when more religious efforts were called for than at the present, in this department of christian work, viz., preaching the gospel in all sections of the Southern States and Cuba

The Board has under its charge 287 Missionaries, which are occupying 1.114 churches and stations.

We recommend that each church in this Association take at least one collection during the coming year for this work.

W. A. Pool. Chairman.

After discussion by Eld. Pool the report is adopted.

By motion the body fixes Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1889, as the time, Globe church as the place, and Eld. C. J. Woodson, with Eld. A. S. Church as Alternate, as the preacher of the introductory sermon of the next meeting of this Association.

Eld. W. A. Pool reads the

Report on Periodicals.

As a promoter of christian liberality among the people, we recommend religious literature such as the Biblical Recorder, the Gospel Herald, and the Foreign Mission Journal.

It is hard to estimate the advantages of a good religious periodical in a family; we all owe it to our children to give them something of a moral character to read.

W. A. Pool, Chairman.

Discussed by Eld. G. W. Greene, who is followed by Eld. Jos. E. Carter in a delightfully straight and clear cut discussion of the office and value of the religious periodical.

The report is adopted.

Bro. W. E. White reads the

Report on Sunday Schools.

The prevailing popular opinion that idleness and rest are synonymous terms is an erroneous one. And especially for a Christian to pass the Lord's day in a state of indolence, and imagine that he is resting is a gross perversion of sacred truths as enunciated in the Bible. The appropriate occupation of the sacred day of rest is divine worship, or study of God's Word, or "going about doing good". The Sunday School is the best place for the study of the sacred Scriptures conveniently accessible to all ages classes and conditions of people; and it is also the best place for all outside of the ministry who desire to promote God's Kingdom in the hearts of men to labor to advantage in the "vineyard of the Lord"; and it is emphatically the best place in the world for training the children, the hope of the country, in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord", and of warning them to shun the snares of the tempter. Each church should foster the Sunday School with all the care and attention that the orchardist bestows upon his nursery. The full measure of the grand results of the Sunday School work will only be known in the great day when the Lord of the harvest garners in his sheaves.

W. E. White, Chairman.

Discussion of the report is made special order for Sunday morning.

The Committee on Devotion announce Elder G. W. Greene to preach tomorrow morning.

Adjournment.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, AUG. 4.

MORNING SESSION.

The delegates meet promptly.

After worship the Moderator calls the body to order.

it is one of vesterday read, concerted, and approved.

Eld. Jos. E. Carter of the Western Baptist Convention, Western Editor of the Biblical Recorder, accepts the invitation to a seat with this body, and is allowed an announcement.

Bro. J. H. Mills of the Baptist Orphanage arrives and is welcomed to a seat.

By motion all speakers of to-day except Bro. Mills are limited to twenty minutes.

Bro. J. B. Moore reads the

Report on Temperance.

The temperance question is one of vital importance, affecting the peace and prosperity of the country and the spiritual development of the church. Your committee fear that we, as professed followers of Christ, are not fully alive to our duty in regard to the great work of temperance reform, and urge the pastors of this Association, to preach to their churches, at least once, during the associational year on this important subject. Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Moore, Chairman.

Discussed by Elders Pool and Church. Elders Woodson, Carter, and Oxford speak on prohibition, after which the report is received.

The roll of pastors is called to enable the Clerk to record the number of those who had preached during the year a sermon on Bible temperance. It is found that two have complied with the request of the Association, a third preached no special temperance sermon, but put temperance in several sermons, and a fourth lectured at night.

Eld. I. Oxford reads the

Report on the Orphanage.

If in the dark ages of the world the best of men believed that the judgments of God were and would be executed against all who failed to do their duty to the fatherless and widows, and in the light of the gospel it is declared that pure religion and undefiled is to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, how much more should we as Christians feel it our duty to give and to give liberally to the support of the orphans as a part of our religion?

We have now 92 orphans at the Baptist Orphanage in need of means, and over 200 at the Oxford Asylum. Let us show our faith

by our works. Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC OXFORD, Chairman.

Discussion is postponed to 1 o'clock.

Elder G. W. Greene reads the

Report on State Missions.

Many parts of North Carolina are well supplied with Baptist preaching. There are few people in Caldwell county who can not hear Bap-

tist truth, if they are willing to do so. But there are large and prosperous counties in the state which have only a single feeble church. A number of county towns have no Baptist preaching. Supplying this destitution is called State Missions. The progress of Baptist principles in North Carolina under the fostering care of the State Mission work has been wonderful. There is much to be thankful for; but much yet remains to be done.

A large number of preachers and colporters have been commissioned by the Board of Missions. They are preaching at many places in towns, villages, and country neighborhoods, and carrying the word of God from house to house. Some of the work is going on in the bounds of this Association. Most of the churches have taken collections for this work. Let all the churches and pastors inform themselves of the needs of this work, and enquire what is their duty, and by the grace of God strive to do their duty. The missionaries are making many sacrifices for the work. Shall not the brethren of the churches participate with them in these sacrifices.

G. W. GREENE, Chairman.

Discussed by Elders Greene and Pool, and adopted.

Bro. H. N. Coffey reads the

Report on Resolutions.

Resolved that our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to Rev. Isaac Oxford who for three years so efficiently presided over the deliberations of this Association; to the visiting brethren who have delighted us with their presence and edified us by their speeches; and to the brethren and friends of this community for their whole-hearted hospitality in entertaining the delegates and visitors to this body.

H. N. Coffey, Chairman.

It is at once adopted and the body adjourns for preaching.

Elder Joseph E. Carter at 11:30 preaches at the stand a sermon of great power from Colossians 2:3—15.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association is called to order by the Moderator.

By motion the Clerk is allowed \$5.00 for his services, and ordered to have 400 copies of the minutes printed and distributed.

Bro. J. H. Mills, after reading sundry passages of Scripture touching charity, asked the brethren to sing a charity hymn. After the hymu he speaks on charity and the Orphanage. Many things said and done at this meeting will soon be forgotten, but Bro. Mills' talk is not one of them. The collection for the Orphanage amounts to \$17.90

Elder G W. Greene reads the report on

Church and Pastoral Relations.

It is the duty of the Paster 1. To preach the word. 2 Tim. 4:2. 2. To visit from house to house. Acts 20:30. 3. To watch over the flock. Acts 20:28. 4. To set an example of Christian living and Christian giving. Phil. 3:6; Acts 20:35.

It is the duty of the Church 1. To hear the pastor preach. Heb. 10:25. 2. To pray for the pastor. 2 Thess. 3:1. 3. To give liberally

to his support. 1 Cor. 9:1—14.

G. W. GREENE, Chairman.

It is adopted without discussion. Eld. C. J. Woodson reads the

Report on Foreign Missions.

We as a denomination are doing very little for the evangelization of heathen nations. The great Baptist host of the South contributed last year only \$86,000 for the prosecution of this grand enterprise, while our Methodist brethren occupying the same territory and no stronger numerically than we, gave \$170,000.

Let the Missionary conviction of our people be deepened, and their Missionary faith be strengthened, and to this end our pastors are hereby requested to preach to their people on the subject of Foreign Missions during the next year, and to take Missionary collections.

C. J. Woodson, Chairman.

Elders Carter and Woodson make brief discussions, after which the report is adopted.

Committee on Devotion announce that Eld. W. A. Pool will preach to morrow morning, followed by Eld. G. W. Greene.

It is ordered by motion that the collection of to-morrow be appropriated to State Missions.

The report of the Historical Committee is postponed indefinitely. The delegates are by motion requested to make up boxes at their churches and homes and forward them to the Orphanage.

Adjournment.

SUNDAY'S SESSION.

At 9 o'clock, a. m. the large church is crowded. After worship, the S. S. Report is ably discussed by brethren Rufus Bradshaw, J. B. Moore and A. S. Church. Collection for State Missions is taken amt'g to \$7.14. After a short recess, Eld. W. A. Pool preaches at the stand from Ps. 119:130. At 11 a. m. Eld. G. W. Greene preaches at the stand from Matt. 10:8, and at the same time Eld. C. J. Woodson preaches in the church from Matt. 5:16. At 1:30 Eld. H. D. Lequeux preaches in the church from Isa. 35:8,9,10. Thus close the exercises.

H. D. LEQUEUX, Moderator.

August 5, 1888.

W. F. MARSHALL, Clerk.

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[S Many of the church letters failed to show names and post offices of Ordained Ministers and Licentiates; hence the lists above are incomplete.—CLERK.]

PROCEEDINGS

——OF THE——

Caldwell County Baptist Association of North Carolina.

GLOBE CHURCH, September 19, 1889.

Delegates from the various churches and a large number of visitors assemble at the church to hear the introductory sermon. The appointee and alternate both being absent, Eld. W. A. Pool is requested to preach the sermon, which he does with great unction and power. Text, I. Cor. 9: 22.

After a short recess the body proceeds to the work of organizing. Eld. I. Oxford by request is in the chair, and W. F. Marshall is Clerk.

Church letters and applications from new churches* with their Abstracts of Principles are read and duly received.

Elder I. Oxford is by acclamation elected Moderator and W. F. Marshall Clerk and Treasurer.

Invitation to seats is accepted by correspondents E. F. Jones and J. F. Spainhour of Three Forks Association, J. V. McCall of the Catawba River, and I. A. Oxford of the Alexander County, and by visiting brother J. H. Mills, Superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage.

The Moderator appoints the following

Committees:

ARRANGEMENTS.—W. A. Pool, Jesse Moore, M. N. Harshaw, J. B. Greer, Smith Coffey.

DEVOTION.—Pastor and Delegates of the Globe church.

ORPHANAGE.-J. H. Mills, J. B. Moore, F. P. Moore.

EDUCATION.—J. F. Spainhour, W. A. Pool, P. H. Pardue.

PERIODICALS.—W. F. Marshall, J. V. McCall, J. M. Icenhour.

TEMPERANCE.—J. M. Sherrill, J. F. Crisp, I. A. Oxford.

RESOLUTIONS.—J. B. Greer, J. L. McLeod, W. H. H. Hartley.

HOME MISSIONS.—W. A. Pool, Calvin Cobb, A. P. Harriss.

STATE MISSIONS.-E. F. Jones, Sidney M. McCall, E. H. Greer.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—M. N. Harshaw, John Crisp, Taylor Hayes. Sunday Schools.—J. D. Moore, A. F. Estes, Jesse Moore. Finance.—M. G. Shearer, J. I. McRary, J. L. Beach.

Bro. J. H. Mills leads in prayer, and the body adjourns to meet in the Academy building to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY, SEPT. 20.

MORNING SESSION.

The body convenes in the Academy at 9 o'clock. The Moderator leads in devotional exercises.

The minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

The Committee of Arrangements submit a report, which is accepted and the business is taken up in the order therein outlined.

The Clerk is allowed further time to complete the roll of delegates. The Committee on Devotion report that instead of a sermon at 11 o'clock the Association will hear an address by Bro. J. H. Mills on the Orphanage work.

The Committee offer the following

· Report on Education:

While it is true that the cause of education has greatly advanced within the memory of many members of this Association, yet much remains to be done in the training and educating the masses of the people. For the purposes of training the young for larger usefulness in life we recommend Globe Academy for males and females, and W. F. College for young men who desire higher education, and especially those preparing for the great work of the ministry.

J. F. SPAINHOUR, Chairman.

After discussion by brethren Pool, Spainhour, Jones, and Marshall, the report is accepted.

Bro. F. P. Moore reads the following

Report on the Baptist Orphanage:

For one hundred years the Baptists of North Carolina neglected their needy orphans. At last they have begun to see the meaning of Christian charity and have opened at Thomasville a collection of training schools in which the destitute children of their dead brethren and sisters may be prepared for the duties and responsibilities of life. The 112 poor orphans are dependent on the benevolent contributions of our churches, Sunday Schools, and friendly individuals. These children need food three times a day and need clothing every morn-

ing. We therefore recommend

1. That all our Sunday Schools be invited to give the orphans the benefit of one collection each month.

2. That our churches be invited to give the orphans at least one collection during each year.

F. P. MOORE, Chairman.

It is discussed by Brethren J. H. Mills and C. J. Woodson and adopted. A collection of \$14.56 is taken for the Orphanage. The following is adopted:

Resolved; that we advise the churches of this Association to make up a box of clothing and provisions at as early a day as possible and forward the same to the Orphanage.

Adjournment for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association is called to order at 1.30 by Moderator Oxford. Elder W. A. Pool reads the

Report on Home Missions.

The object of this department of Christian work is to supply the destitution of the Southern States with the gospel, sustain Missions among the Indians and on the island of Cuba.

When we consider the facts above it seems the importance of "Home Missions" would impress every lover of his native land, to say nothing of the love of Christ which should move us to labor and give for the salvation of our neighbors and countrymen.

W. A. Pool, Chairman

It is discussed by Elders Pool and Jones and is accepted with the following amendment:

Resolved, that the clerks of the several churches of this Association be appointed as suitable brethren for the Vice-president of the Home Board to correspond with in this work.

Brethren Carlton, Pool, and Jones are appointed a committee to consider the query submitted by the Yadkin Church.

Bro. J. F. Crisp reads the following

Report on Temperance:

Your Committee begs leave to call the attention of the Association to the important subject of Temperance. There is perhaps no question that more vitally concerns the morality of the country and the spiritual development of the churches than gospel Temperance.

The sin of intemperance is one of the greatest evils that are blighting our country. We advise our churches to be strict in discipline on this subject and all our members to totally abstain from the use of

alcoholic stimulants as a beverage.

J. M. SHERRILL, Chairman.

Further action on the report is postponed to 2 p. m. to-morrow.

By motion the Report on Periodicals is placed first on the program for to-morrow morning.

Reports are heard from the following Correspondents:

W. A. Pool, C. J. Woodson, F. P. Coffey, and W. F. Marshall.

The following Correspondents are appointed:

To Three Forks Association: W. A. Pool, J. H. West.

To Brushy Mountain: J. B. Greer, J. H. West, L. H. Carlton.

To Alexander County: Isaac Oxford, C. J. Woodson.

To Ashe and Alleghany: C. J. Woodson.

To South Fork: I. Oxford, W. H. H. Hartley.

To Catawba River: M. N. Harshaw, W. F. Marshall.

To Mitchell County: F. P. Coffey, E. D. Crisp.

To State Convention: W. A. Pool, C. J. Woodson.

By motion the body decides to elect a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Eld. C. J. Woodson is duly elected as the delegate.

By motion Lenoir is fixed as the place, Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1890, as the time, and Eld. C. J. Woodson, with Elder I. Oxford as alternate, to preach the introductory sermon for the next meeting of this Association.

Elder W. A. Pool reads the

Treasurer's Report.

W. A. Pool, Treasurer, in account with Caldwell Co. Association.

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W. A. Pool, Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report.—Continued.

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The report is received. Bro. J. I. McRary reads the following

Report on Finances:

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M. G. Shearer, J. I. McRary, J. L. Beach, Committee.

After remarks by Brethren Woodson and Marshall the report is accepted. The following from the Committee of Arrangements is read and adopted:

We advise the Association to appoint a Committee of five brethren to visit McCall's Chapel and inquire into the cause of the letter of grievance presented to the Committee by some aggrieved members of that church and report to the next Association.

The Moderator appoints on this committee Brethren M. N. Harshaw of Rocky Spring, Chairman, J. M. Sherrill of Lower Creek, A. E. Nelson of Yadkin, Vincent Greer of Piney Grove, J. H. West of Union. Prayer by Elder W. A. Pool and adjournment to meet tomorrow at 9 a. m.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, SEPT. 21.

MORNING SESSION.

The body convenes at 9 o'clock and the Moderator conducts religious exercises.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

The following Correspondents are welcomed to seats: T. C. Land of Brushy Mountain Association; I. W. Thomas of Three Forks.

The query sent up by the Yadkin Church and the report of the Committee are as follows:

Should the decision of the Superior Court be taken as a final evidence either for or against a church member when other legal evidence is not available?

Your Committee respectfully beg leave to answer: No; when a decision of the powers of this world is the only evidence, it ought not to be considered final or conclusive. The church must be the judge of the evidence.

L. H. CARLTON, Chairman.

After exhaustive discussion it is adopted as the sentiment of the Association.

Bro. J. V. McCall reads the following

Report on Periodicals.

By a running glance at the church letters your Committee learns that 16 copies of the *Biblical Recorder* and 165 copies of Sunday School periodicals come to this Association. This showing ought to

be doubled many times.

We recommend the *Biblical Recorder* to all our brethren. It disseminates useful knowledge. It keeps its readers posted concerning the toils, tribulations, and triumples of the Lord's workers. It keeps alive an interest in the progress of Christ's Kingdom on earth. It promotes Christian liberality. As a fearless defender of the truth and opponent of errors and schisms it is a power in unifying and strengthening the brethren in the faith.

We also recommend to our brethren the Asheville Baptist, the organ of the Western Convention as a new, newsy, and worthy re-

ligious newspaper.

We recommend also for Sunday Schools the handsome and unsurpassed publications of our Home Board and of the American Baptist Publication Society.

We further recommend to our brethren the Foreign Mission Journal published at Richmond, Va. from which to learn the needs and tri-

umphs of our Missionaries, and Charity and Children published at Thomasville, N. C. that we may have knowledge of and sympathy for the orphans.

W. F. MARSHALL, Chairman.

Good words are here spoken by Brethren Woodson (for the Asheville Baptist), Marshall (for Biblical Recorder), Spainhour, Jesse Moore, Pool, and Thomas. Brethren Woodson and Marshall take subscribers for the papers represented by them.

The hour for services is at hand, and Elder E. F. Jones preaches on "A Lively Hope". Text, I. Peter 1: 3.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion of Elder W. A. Pool the Clerk is allowed five dollars for his services and \$15.90 for printing and distributing 400 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting.

The hour for special order arrives and the Report on Temperance is taken up. Lively and interesting discussion ensues, Brethren John Crisp, Jesse Moore, Job Moore, Woodson, Thomas, J. D. Moore, and E. F. Jones participating. The report is adopted.

Bro. M. N. Harshaw reads the following

Report on Foreign Missions.

Your Committee take pleasure in calling your attention to the great work to which God has called us, of preaching and sending the gospel among the heathen.

God has honored the churches of N. C. above our neighbors around us in calling thirty of our brethren and sisters to foreign fields.

We recommend that all our churches make frequent contributions to Foreign Missions, the members inform themselves about the necessities of the work and, that all our pastors frequently preach about the duties, necessities, and progress of this work.

M. N. HARSHAW, Chairman.

It is discussed by Elders Jones and Pool and amended as follows:

Resolve that we advise all our churches to take at least one collection for Foreign Missions every year.

The collection for Foreign Missions amounts to \$11.06.

Elder E. F. Jones reads the following

Report on State Missions:

Great has been the progress in our Master's cause in the last few

years in our State. Much of the success of our work in the State is attributable under God to the State Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention.

About 100 Missionaries and Colporteurs are now under the employment of the State Mission Board. These men need food and clothes for themselves and families. The Board is looking to the churches for help. The State Board desires to plant a Baptist church in every centre of influence in the State.

We recommend that all the churches pledge some amount for

State Missions to be paid by the churches within the year.

Let us help in this glorious God-given work with our contributions and prayers.

E. F. Jones, Chairman.

It is discussed by Brethren Pool, Jones, Marshall, Woodson, Thomas. Pledges* amounting to \$175.00 are taken for State Missions and the report is enthusiastically adopted.

The Committee on Devotion announce preaching as follows:

Elder I. W. Thomas to-night at 7.30 o'clock.

Elder C. J. Woodson to-morrow 10.39 a.m.

Elder W. A. Pool to-morrow 11.30 a.m.

Bro. J. D. Moore reads the following

Report on Sunday Schools:

Feeling as we do the great importance of work in the master's vineyard we would recommend the best means of accomplishing the Every one should serve the end for which greatest good possible. he was created by work. The extension of the great Kingdom of our Lord is committed to his servants. In order to prosecute this work aright we must be informed. Christians are responsible for this information and should use the best means at hand. As the young mind is most susceptible of right impressions, we should begin here to build the beautiful magnificent structure of a useful life. there is no place at which we can more conveniently gather the young to receive this necessary training that is to be their armor in this warfare of life than the Sunday School, we believe all men and especially all church members should zealously enlist in this work. believe that he who will not thus enlist is falling far short of a privilege and a duty enjoined by our Master.

J.D. MOORE, Chairman.

Adopted. Discussion postponed to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

*The pledges are as follows	:	
Dudley Shoals\$10.00	Sardis\$ 5.99	E. D. Crisp\$ 1.90
Globe 59.99	Union 1 5.99	J. F. Crisp 1.00
King's Creek 5.99	Yadkin 19,00	Mrs. J. B. Moore 1.0)
Lenoir 39.	J. H. west 5.	Mrs. M. C. Shell 1.
Lower Creek 30.	J. B. Greer 5,	Alexander Tolbert
Rocky Spring 10.	I. W. Thomas 1.	Taylor Hayes

It is moved that a collection be taken at to-morrow's services for Foreign Missions.

Bro. W. H. H. Hartley reads the following

Report on Resolutions:

(1.) Resolved that the churches of this Association are requested to observe the regular national Thanksgiving day this Fall and to make on that day liberal contributions to the Baptist Orphanage.

(2.) Resolved that the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the members of Globe Church and the citizens of the community for the kind and hospitable entertainment given the delegates and messengers of this Assoication.

J. B. GREER, Chairman.

Adopted. Prayer by Elder I. W. Thomas. After singing "How firm a foundation" etc. and farewells, the fifth sitting of the Caldwell County Association adjourns to meet with the church at Lenoir on Thursday before the second Sunday in September.

At night Elder I. W. Thomas preaches on "Godliness Profitable to all things". Text. I. Timothy 4:8.

ISAAC OXFORD, Moderator.

W. F. MARSHALL, Clerk.

Proceedings of Sunday, Sept. 22.

Eld. C. J. Woodson is made Chairman of the Sunday School Mass meeting.

1. The object of the Sabbath School? Discussed by the Chairman.

2. Why does not every church in the Association have a Sabbath School? Discussed by Brethren J. B. Moore and J. D. Moore.

3. What good I have got from the Sunday School and what good you may get from it. Discussed by Brethren Jesse Moore and Jas. V. McCall.

The hour for services arrives and the crowds are seated out of doors by the river side. Eld. W. A. Pool preaches on Foreign Missions. Text, Acts, 14:27. Collection amounts to \$11.01. After benediction comes dinner, then separation. Thus ends the best meeting the Association ever held.

CLERK.

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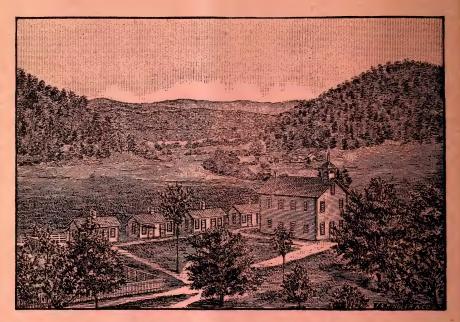
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The next session to be held with the Dudley Shoals Baptist Church, Ten miles north of Hickory, commencing on Thursday before the second Sunday in September 1891.

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Many of the churches fail to give names of Ministers and post offices, therefore the above list is incomplete.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE-

Caldwell County Baptist Association of North Carolina.

Lenoir Church,
September 11, 1890.

Delegates from the various churches assemble to hear the introductory. The appointee being absent, his alternate Eld. I. Oxford delivered a very interesting sermon; text, Hebrews 8th. chapter and latter clause of 10th. verse. After a recess of one hour the body re-assembles, and proceeds to organize. Eld. I. Oxford is re-elected moderator by acclamation, and A. E. Nelson is elected Clerk by ballot. The Moderator appoints the following

COMMITTEES:

ARRANGEMENTS,—Smith Coffey, John Greer, John Crisp, M. N. Harshaw and J. B. Moore.

DEVOTION, -Pastor and Delegates of Lenoir Church.

ORPHANAGE, J. T. Shell, L. C. King and J. L. Beach.

EDUCATION,—T. C. Sherrill, J. F. Crisp and W. H. H. Hartley.

Periodicals,-F. P. Coffey, J. L. Laxton and C. M. Murchison.

TEMPERANCE, J. F. Crisp, J. M. Powell and V. Greer.

RESOLUTIONS,—D. K. Bennett, E. H. Greer and T. H. Barber.

Home Missions,—A. P. Harris, J. B. Bumgarner and J. W. West.

STATE MISSIONS,—E. F. Jones, J. C. Coffey and T. C. Curtis.

FOREIGN MISSIONS,—I. W. Thomas, J. S. Gualtney, T. C. Sherrill.

SABATH Schools—J. Z. Griffin, B. F. Campbell, M. G. Shearer. Finance,—L. H. Carlton, and J. I. McCrary.

Corresponding brethren invited to seats with this body. The following accept the invitation, Bros. D. K. Bennett of Catawba Association, E. F. Jones of Three-forks, C. M. Murchison of South-fork I. W. Thomas of Three-forks, R. D. Carroll of Brushy Mountain, and Rev. J. V. McCall of Catawba.

Opened the door for newly constituted churhes. Granite Falls presents a letter asking admission. On motion is referred to the committee of arrangements to report tomorrow.

Committee on Devotion, reports as follows: "Rev. C. M. Murchison to preach tomorrow at 11 A. M. On motion the body will meet tomorrow at 9 A. M. for prayer-meeting, and at 9. 30 for business; a sermon at 11 by Rev. C. M. Murchison, then intermission; meet at 1 P. M. and adjourn at pleasure." On motion adjourn until tomorrow at 9 o'clock A. M. Prayer by D. K. Bennett, benediction by the moderator.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY SEPT. 12,

Morning Session.

Prayer meeting conducted by I. W. Thomas after which the body convenes. The clerk calls the roll and marks absentees. Read and approved the minutes of yesterday.

Called on the committee of arrangement to report.

REPORT.

"We your committee on arrangement, beg leave to report that we have examined the articles of faith, church covenant, with all the attendant circumstances, of Granite Falls Baptist church and unanimously recommend that said church be received into the fellowship of this body; and we futher recommend that a committee be appointed to visit Lovelady church as requested."

Signed Com. arrangement.

The above report is received admitting Granite Falls church into the fellowship of this body, and a committee of brethern to wit J. H. West, John Crisp, and J. Z. Griffin, are appointed to visit Lovelady church as requested.

J. H. Huffman, from Catawba Association accepts a seat with us as a visiting brother.

The committee appointed last Association to visit McCall's Chapel submit the following report.

"To the Caldwell Co. Baptist Association,

Dear Brethren.

The undersigned committee appointed at your last Association, to visit McCall's Chapel and inquire into a certain letter of grievance, beg leave to submit the following report.

By appointment all the members of said committee met at the

above mentioned church Saturday November, 23, 1889 and proceeded to investigate said matter of grievance. The charge being that one Bro. S. M. McCall had been excluded from the fellowship of McCall's Chapel without any charge being preferred against said member.

Upon examination of the church records and information obtained from other sources, your com. find that said S. M. McCall was excluded from said church for refusing to live under the Temperance clause of the church covenant, and for saying that Jesus Christ made alcohol. We failed to find that said church acted hastily in its dealings with said member, and we do not believe that said aggrieved member has any well founded cause of complaint to this body.

M. N. Harshaw
J. C. Sherrill
A. E. Nelson
V. Greer
J. W. West

Committee

The above report is received and Com. discharged.

Called on correspondents who visited sister associations to report. They reported satisfactorily.

The correspondents appointed to State Convention being absent, Bro. Thomas by request reports satisfactorily.

Appoint correspondents to visit various associations.

I. B. Greer to Brushy Mountain.

J. H. West, and M. G. Shearer to Three-forks.

I. Oxford and T. C. Sherrill to Alexander.

I. Oxford, M. N. Harshaw and M. E. Miller to South Fork.

J. S. Gaultney and M. N. Harshaw to Catawba River.

F. P. Coffey and E. D. Crisp to Mitchel County.

To State Convention brethren I. Oxford, J. S. Gaultney, G. R. Clark, D. W. Presnell, J. T. Shell and A. E. Nelson.

To the Southern Baptist Convention M.N. Harshaw and J. S. Gaultney.

A short intermission, after which Bro. Murchison delivers a sermon from text, Hebrews 11 chapt. 40.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association is called to order by the moderator at 1:20 P. M.

Bro. J. F. Crisp reads a report on temperance as follows:

"Intemperance is strictly forbiden in the word of God. There is perhaps no evil of such magnitude against which the churches have to contend. The use of strong drink has been a source of much evil and discord among our people. We think it is one of the devil's strongest foes with which he fights the cause of Christ. We believe that before we accomplish what we are aiming at that we must have temperance in our churches. Total abstinence is the only safe ground."

The above report was well discussed by brethren Carroll, Shell, Thomas, Jones and Oxford, and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCES.

Received from the churches for

STATE MISSIONS	\$20.52
Home Missions	. "1.00
Foreign Missions	. "10.25
BAPTIST ORPHANAGE	7.65
MINUTE FUND	
MINI STERIAL EDUCATION	. "1.00
Turned over to A. E. Nelson Treasurer	\$62.54

Remarks by brethren Gualtney, Thomas, Murchison and Jones, Report adopted.

J. I. McCrary, Committee, L. H. Carlton,

On motion a Sunday-School mass meeting will be at 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

On motion the clerk is made Treasurer.

MINUTES.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Com. values the importance of Education and with pleasure we note the improvement that has been, and is now being made for the education of the masses. Also for higher education we recommend Globe Academy with other good schools within easy reach, as worthy of our patronage. We recommend Wake Forest College as most worthy of our patronage, therefore we urge our Baptist people to educate their children. Respectfully submited. T. C. Sherrill, W. H. H. Hartly, J. F. Crisp Com.

The report is received.

Bro. J. T. Shell reads the report on Baptist Orphanage. Said report is referred until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Third day, Saturday Sept. 13th. 9 o'clock a. m. Devotional exersise conducted by the moderator. Corresponding brethren invited to seats.

Brethren R. L. Patton of Brushy Mountain Association, C. Durham corresponding secretary of State mission Board, J. A. Speight associate Editor of the Biblical Recorder, C. E. Taylor president of Wake Forest college and J. A. Stallings President of High Point Female college cordially accepts the invitation.

Read and approved the minutes of yesterday.

Globe church and Union No. 2 present letters without deligates. On motion they are received.

The Report on the Baptist Orphanage is defered indefinately.

Report on Education is read and very ably discussed by brethren Stallings of High Point Female College and Taylor of Wake Forest.

Pledges Ministerial Education are takan.

Dudly Shoals	\$3.00
Fleming's Chapel	2.00
Globe	5.00

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Amount

\$6.34

Report on State Missions is read by C. Durham, and it being very lengthy the clerk is granted permission to abridge the report, which is as follows: "We did our S. mission work last year on a financial basis of \$12,614,87, but at Henderson, last November the convention said: 'We ought to trust the Lord to guide, and the churches to come to our aid, and undertake greater things than ever before; and recommended that we arrange our work for this year on the basis of \$ 15,000,00. To facilitate this work the convention apportioned this amount among the 38 white associations co-opperating with the S. convention, asking the Caldwell County association to try to raise \$ 100.00 of the \$15.000.00 and we are glad to report that more than that amount has been raised. The S. M. Board has in its employ this year nearly one hundred missionaries and colporteurs, among whom is Bro. I. W. Thomas, giving one fourth of his time at Lenoix. We are trying to occupy all the destitute places in our beloved State, just as rapidly as possible, we want to take the whole state for Jesus. It is gratifying to note that while we are increasing our contributions, to State missions, our contributions to Foreign and Home missions have been greatly increased also. The churches gave last year \$1,400 more to Foreign and \$1,050 more to Home missions than in any previous year of our history, which proves that S. missions is the foundation of all our other benevolent work. We would plead with the churches to continue to contibute liberally to this work. Respectfully submitted Clerk.

Pledges are taken for State Missions.
Dudley Shoals \$5.00
Globe
Lenoir
Lower Creek W. A. A. M.
Rocky Spring
King's Creek
Union No.1 5.00
Yadkin 5.00
Fleming's Chapel
Lovelady
Mount Zion Manage of the Manag
Mulberry 1,00
Piney Grove
Pisgah
Wilson's Creek
Conway's Chapel
Granite Falls
Bethany 1,00
A, P, Harris Mental Manager and Sandar and A. 100
Total\$135. 50
Collection \$19. 36

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The moderator announced the body ready for business at 1.30 p.m. Bro. Murchison reads the report on Periodicals; "Perhaps from

no source do we gain more information than by the means of the printing press. In this enlightened age it is a most powerful factor in moulding thought and public action.

The people will partake of the good or the evil—will be influenced for the right or the wrong, by its productions. We claim to have the truth which is both right and good, let us use the printing press in disseminating the truth among our people.

We have the men, the facilities and the power essential to success. Shall we use them? The Biblical Recorder has done and is still doing a work for the church of which we are proud. And may God bless the Recorder. But it is capable of accomplishing much more, if all of its powers shall be utilized. It should have 20.000 subscribers. Then it might be published for one dollar per annum, and thus come within the reach of every one.

Charity and children the exponent of our orphanage should receive support, and will give us the information desired concerning our home for the people's little ones. Kind words for the Sunday-Schools, The Home Fields for information relative to Home Missions, Foreign mission Journal for imformation, concerning foreign Missions, all are sources of information and blessings, and should be appreciated accordingly. Let us not go from home for papers until our own fails in expounding the truth and doctrines as we believe and cherish. The Pastors must not be left to do this work alone, but Deacons and laymen should assist, and success wi'l be assured. Shall we go forward?

Discussed by brethren Murchison and Speight in interest of the above mentioned papers.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Your Com: on Foreign missions submit the following report Whereas our Lord has commanded us to go into all the world and teach all nations: how shall we better fulfill this command other than by supporting those young men who are in Heathen lands?"

HOME MISSIONS.

"When we consider the importance of Home Missions and the field in which its work is done, and feeling the worth of souls, and knowing of the destitution there is already existing. Therefore let us awake to our duty and show by our works that we are in earnest in the work."

A. P. Harris Chairman.

The above Reports were discussed in connection, by brethren Speight and Taylor, and adopted.

PLEDGES FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Kings	Creek\$2.00
	5.00
Lower	Creek
Rocky	Springs
Sardis.	I.00
Union	No. 15.00
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Total	\$.30.00

PLEDGES FOR HOME MISSIONS.

Kings	$\operatorname{Cree} k$	00.1
Lower	Creek	5.00
Yadkin		.00
Total		3.00

Brethren J. S. Gualtney, F. P. Moore and Joseph Powell are appointed to canvas the Caldwell County Association to raise funds for the endowment of Wake Forest. College, on the Bostick plan.

Committees on time and place of next association submit the following report: "The next session to be held with the Baptist church at Dudley Shoals ten miles North of Hickory, commencing on Thursday before the second Sunday in September 1891.

Rev. J. F. Crisp to preach the introductory and Rev. J. S. Gualtney, alternate.

Discussion on Orphanage deferred to 8 o'clock to night.

On motion of J. B. Greer the clerk is paid five dollars for his services. Balance of fund on hand to be paid for the printing of minutes, and distributed among the different churches according to their minute fund.

Adjournment.

NIGHT SESSION 8 O'CLOCK.

Report on Baptist Orphanage is read.

"Dear brethren we are happy to say that the Baptist Orphanage at Tl omasville is in a prosperous condition, and her claims are ever met by the contributions of our Sabbath Schools and churches; yet there might have been more accomplished by a more systematic effort upon the part of the churches. Your Com. would therefore recommend that each and every Pastor in this association put himself in correspondence with the Supt. Bro. J. H. Mills, and learn his needs and contribute that which he needs worst for the comfort of the orphans, and that at least once a month, and our Sunday schools the same."

John T. Shell chairman.

The above report is very ably discussed by brethren Durham, Stallings, Taylor and Jones, and adopted.

The delegates of the various churches are requested to inform the people of the duty of helping the Orphans, and make collection of such things as they need and forward to them, J. W. West.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

are hereby tendered to the citizens of Lenoir and vicinity for their kindness, to the delegates and visiting brethren during the session.

and Presbyterian brethren for the use of their houses of worship during the session of this Association.

Sunday September 14-10'oclock a. m. Sunday School Mass meeting conducted by Bro. C. Durham, and the various subjects discussed by Biethren Stallings, Speight, Oxford and Jones.

At 11 Rev. C. Durham preached to a large congregation in the Baptist church—Subject the truth and its power. Text John 8th C. 32-36 verses. Then intermission during which time the people of the surrounding neighborhood, gave a basket dinner, to the public while the friends of Lenoir invited the ministers with them to dinner, all of which is highly appreciated.

Bro. Taylor preached in the M. E. Church at 11 o'clock to a large congregation. Two. P. M. a very interesting sermon delivered by Rev. J. A. Spieght, in the Baptist Church Text Eclesiastes 12 C. 13-14 verses. Rev. E. F. Jones preached in the Presbyterian church at two P. M. Thus ends the present session of Caldwell Co. Association.

Churches, Pastors, Clerks, Postoffices &c.

Dudley Shoals,

Pastor, J. P. Gualtney, Post office, Fork Institute, N. C. Preaching 2nd. Sunday, Clerk, J. W. Shell, Petra Mills. N. C.

Fleming's Chapel,

Pastor, J. M. Harris, Hartland, N. C. Preaching 3rd. Sunday, Clerk, W. S. McCall, Gamewell, N. C. Take Biblical Recorder 1.

Globe,

Pastor, E. F. Jones, Zionville, N. C. Preaching 4th. Sunday, Clerk F. P. Moore, Globe, N. C. Licenciates 1. Take Biblical Recorder 5.

Green Rock,

Paster, Larkin Pipes, Buffalo Cove, Preaching 3rd. Sunday, Clerk, C. H. Hawkins, Buffalo Cove, Licentiates 1.

JOHN'S RIVER.

Pastor, E. M. Gragg, Foscoe, N. C. Preaching 1st. Sunday, Clerk, L. L. Estes, Upton, N. C. Licentiates 3. Biblical Recorder 1.

King's Creek,

Pastor, W. J. Bumgarner, Swanner, N. C. Preaching 1st. Sunday, Clerk, N. A, Laxton, King's Creek, N. C. Ord. Min. 1.

Lenoir,

Pastor, I. W. Thomas, Boone, N. C. Preaching 1st. Sunday. Clerk, G. R. Clarke Lenoir, N. C. Take Biblical Recorder 1.

Lovelady,

Pastor, D. W. Conway, Baton, N. C. Preaching 2nd. Sunday, Clerk, W. P. Bumgarner Granite Falls, N. C. Ord. Min. 1.

Lower Creek,

Pastor, I. W. Thomas, Boone, N. C. Preaching 2nd. Sunday, Clerk, J. W. Laxton Hibriten, N. C. Licentiates 1.

Mountain Grove,

Pastor, D. W. Conway, Baton, N. C. Preaching 3rd. Sunday, Clerk J. F. Coffey, Baton, N. C. Licentiates 2.

Mount Zion,

Pastor, D. W. Conway, Baton, N. C. Preaching 1st. Sunday, Clerk, J. A. Woods, Hudson, N. C. Licenciates 1.

Mulberry,

Pastor, J. F. Crisp, Lenoir, N. C. Preaching 2nd. Sunday, Clerk, J. C. Coffey, Risden, N. C. Ord. Min. 1.

Piney Grove,

Pastor, J. S. Gualtney, Yadkin Valley, N. C. Preaching 2nd. Sunday, Clerk, E. Curtis, Yadkin Valley, N. C. Ord. Min. 1.

Pisgah,

Pastor, John Crisp, Lenoir, N. C. Preaching 3rd. Sunday, Clerk, J. H. Crisp, Lenoir, N. C.

Rocky Springs,

Pastor, E. F. Jones, Zionesville, N. C. Preaching 1st. Sunday, Clerk, E. Puett, Collettsville, N. C. Take Biblical Recorder 3.

Sardis,

Pastor, J. R. J. Annis, Manbo, N. C. Preaching 4th. Sunday, Clerk, W. H. H. Hartley, Hudson, N. C. Ord. Min. 1. Licentiates 1. Take Biblical Recorder 2.

Union No. 1.

Pastor, J. R. Pool, Ellendale, N. C. Preaching 1st. Sunday, Clerk, J. W. West, Cedar Valley, N. C. Ord. Min. 2.

Union No. 2 Col.

Pastor, Geo. Avery, Risden, N. C. Preaching 3rd. Sunday, Clerk, J. L. Henry, Risden, N. C.

Wilson's Creek,

Pastor, J. M. Pain, Blowing Rock, N. C. Preaching 3rd, Sunday, Clerk, J. T. Hays, Globe, N. C. Licentiates 2.

Yadkin,

Pastor, I. W. Thomas, Boone, N. C. Preaching 3rd, Sunday, Clerk, A. E. Nelson, Patterson, N. C. Take Biblical Recorder I.

Conway's Chapel,

Pastor J Harris, Hartland, N. C. Preaching 2nd. Sunday, Clerk, H. W. Clarke, Chesterfield, N. C.

Bethany,

Pas'or L. B. Carlton, Stony Fork, N. C. Preaching 2nd, Sunday, Clerk, J. Curtis, Patterson, N. C.

Granite Falls,

P stor. C. M. Murchison, Penelope, N. C. Preaching 3rd. Sunday, Clerk, H. C. Mackie, Granite, Falls N. C.

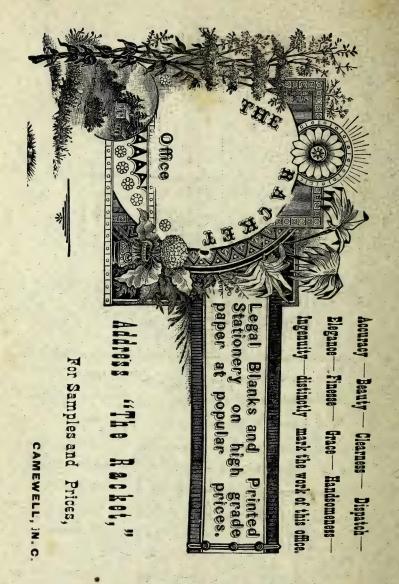
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	Excluded.		45
	Dismissed by Letter.		71
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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

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C. F. Enry	M. N. Harshaw A. P. Harris J. C. Brooksher Azor Moore J. B. Moore	Joseph Powell. D. L. Miler D. M. Crisp J. M. Crap J. S. Gualtney.	B. F. Campbell P. H. Pardue F. P. Moore J. H. Johnson J. B. Philips J. N. A. Laxton	Sunday School Superintendents
Granite Falls 6	Collettsville 5 Hudson 5 Risden 5 Patterson 4 Harrland 10	Lenoir	Petra Mills	Post Offices Officers and Teachers.
7 40 00 85		##B84	2022	Number of Scholars.
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59	£ 2	39	30	No. Vol's. in Library.

The above Statistics are incomplete on account of the failure of the Church Clerks



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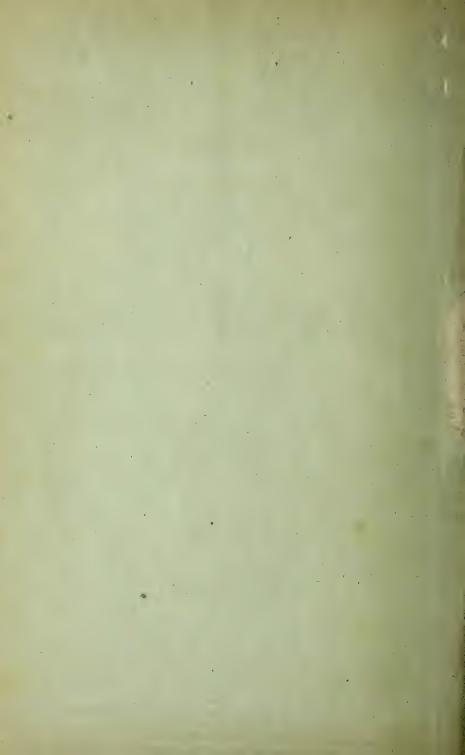
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Ministers, Ordained and Licentiates, of the Caldwell County Baptist Association.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

John T. Shell,	Petra Mills,	N. C.
J. H. West,	Cedar Valley,	66
I. Oxford,	Downsville,	66
J. S. Gwaltney,	Cilley,	6.
T. C. Sherrill,	Petra Mills,	6.6
E. D. Crisp,	Upton, .	66
J. B. Phillips,	Upton,	66
Warren Moore,	Risden,	6.6
L. H. Hice,	Baton,	6.6
J. H. Nelson,	Patterson,	66
I. W. Thomas,	Hibriten,	6.6
Virgil Avery,	Collettsville,	6.6
Isaac Smith,	Lenoir,	66
Edmund Greene,	Houck	66
H. M. Croom,	Globe,	66
Edmund Tilley,	King's Creek,	66
J. F. Crisp,	Lenoir,	66

LICENTIATES.

Hudson,	N. C.
Baton,	66
Baton,	66
Globe,	66
Hudson,	66
Wake Forest,	66
Petra Mills,	66
	Baton, Baton, Globe, Hudson, Wake Forest,

CALDWELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The Caldwell County Association met in its seventh annual session with Dudley Shoals Baptist Church, Petra Mills, N. C., on Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1891, at 11, A. M. Introductory sermon by Elder J. S. Gwaltney. After an intermission of one hour the Association was called to order by Elder I. Oxford, Moderator of last session. Brethren W. H. H. Hartley and George R. Clarke were appointed tellers. Letters from churches read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Lovelady-W. C. Jones, David Mull, W. P. Bumgarner.

Mt. Grove—J. F. Coffey, J. R. Barber.

Lenoir—Geo. R. Clarke, F. P. Coffee, J. V. McCall.

Pisgah—E. Bradshaw, J. H. Crisp.

Globe—H. M. Croom, H. N. Coffey, M. L. Moore.

Lower Creek—M. E. Thompson, Joe Powell.

Mulberry—J. M. Crisp.

Rocky Springs-By letter only.

Dudley Shoals—D. W. Presnell, T. C. Sherrill, C. Cobb,

Union No. 2—By letter only.

Yadkin—J. B. Moore, A. E. Nelson.

Piney Grove—L. H. Carlton, J. G. Melton, V. Greer.

Green Valley—R. L. Cline.

Bethany—T. C. Curtis.

Mt. Zion-L. M. Amas, M. E. Miller.

Wilson Creek-J. B. Hayes.

Fleming's Chapel—P. H. Pardue.

Union No. 1—J. C. Porch, W. J. Haas, E. P. McRary. King's Creek—N. A. Laxton, J. L. Beach, L. L. Horton.

Green Rock—C. H. Hawkins, W. M. Conley.

Conway's Chapel—D. G. Barber, M. C. Braswell.

John's River-J. B. Phillips.

Blair's Fork--J. H. Bryant, Joel Barlow.

Zack's Fork—J. M. Sherrill, J. J. Mitchell, L. J. Swanson.

Sardis—W. H. H. Hartley, A. P. Harris, J. C. Coffey. A permanent organization was effected with Brethren

I. Oxford and J. V. McCall, Moderator and Clerk.

Blair's Fork and Zack's Fork churches were at this point, upon application, received into the Association, and delegates enrolled as per above.

Invitation to seats accepted by corresponding brethren, I. W. Thomas, of Three Forks Association; J. P. Gwaltney, of Alexander County Association; and P. J. Shell, of Mitchell County Association.

Committees appointed by the chair as follows:

Arrangements—H. M. Croom, J. S. Gwaltney, J. D. Berry, J. B. Moore, V. Greer, and Moderator and Clerk.

Finance—L. H. Carlton, V. Greer and T. C. Sherrill. Orphanage—E. P. McRary, W. H. H. Hartley, W. C. Jones.

Foreign Missions—N. A. Laxton, I. W. Thomas, F. P. Coffey.

Education—John T. Shell and Joe Powell.

Periodicals—G. R. Clarke, J. L. Beach, P. J. Shell. Temperance—M. E. Thompson, Joel Crisp, W. P.

Resolutions—J. C. Coffey, M. E. Miller, J. P. Gwaltney. Devotional—Pastor and Delegates of Dudley Shoals

Church.

Executive—H. M. Croom, J. B. Moore, J. F. Crisp, Joseph Powell, H. C. Mackie.

Home Missions—Wm. Haas, H.M. Croom, P. H. Pardue. State Missions—J. T. Shell, J. F. Crisp, A. E. Nelson. Sabbath Schools—J. B. Moore, J. B. Hayes, A. P. Harris.

On motion, it was ordered that Association take a recess at 11, A. M., tomorrow and have a sermon, and that the matter of arranging for preaching the rest of the session be left to Devotional Committee.

Having no other business, the Association adjourned until tomorrow, 9, A. M. Singing, and prayer by Bro. H.

M. Croom.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY, SEPT. 11TH.

Association conved at 9:30, A. M. and after devotional exercises, conducted by Moderator, at 10 o'clock proceeded to business.

Invitation to seats accepted by visiting brethren, C. M. Murchison and J. H. Mills, of Thomasville Orphanage; C. Durham, of State Missions; and J. C. Caddell of Biblical Recorder.

The chair appointed messengers as follows:

To South Fork Association—I. Oxford, J. H. Martin, H. M. Croom, M. E. Miller.

Brushy Mt. Association—J. S. Gwaltney, R. H. Holtsclaw.

Catawba River Association—J. F. Coffey, J. B. Moore, J. R. Barber, J. V. McCall.

Alexander County Association—J. S. Gwaltney, W. H. H. Hartley, I. Oxford, R. H. Holtsclaw.

Baptist State Convention—J. S. Gwaltney; alternate I. W. Thomas.

Southern Baptist Convention—H. M. Croom; alternate

I. W. Thomas.

On motion, Moderator appointed as a committee on Digest of Church Letters, I. W. Thomas, J. P. Gwaltney and C. M. Murchison.

Treasurer of previous session called on and reported as follows:

Received from Finance Committee for minute Disbursed for printing 500 minutes all exepnses \$14.37 Total disbursments......\$19.37

Leaving in hands of Clerk.....\$2.65 Report adopted.

Special order having arrived Committee on Orphanage reported as follows: For years the Baptists of this State neglected their needy orphans. They now have an Orphanage at Thomasville, under the management of Brother J. H. Mills. There are now about 125 orpha children there who must be clothed and fed. We recommend that our Sunday schools take regular collections for them; that our churches give at least one monthly contribution to them each year, and that our pastors be requested to inform their churches of the needs of the Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted.

E. P. McRary. W. H. H. HARTLEY,

Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks by Brethren J. C. Cad-

dell and J. H. Mills. Report adopted.

A cash collection here taken for orphans, amounting to \$3.85 and the following churches pledge to send in boxes of provisions, goods, &c., during the present Associational year: Globe, Piney Grove, Union No. 1, Granite Falls, Lenoir, King's Creek, John's River, Flemming's Chapel, Conway's Chapel, and Dudley Shoals. About \$16 was raised in subscriptions to "Charity and Children."

On motion, the Association takes a recess for one hour.

EVENING SESSION.

Association convened at 1:30 o'clock. Visiting Brethren invited to seats. Brother T. C. Buchanan, Principal Globe Academy, came forward and was welcomed to a seat in the body.

Committee on Periodicals report as follows: A reading people are an intelligent people. Intelligence elevates us, and enlarges our views of our Lord's work. We need the quickening influence that reading good literature brings us. We, therefore heartily recommend to all our Baptist people, the Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children. Our observation is that the churches in which these papers are read are developing more rapidly than those in which they are not. Respectfully submitted,

GEO. R. CLARKE, Chairman.

On motion for adoption, remarks by Brethren J. C. Caddell, T. C. Buchanan, H. M. Croom, I. W. Thomas and C. Durham. Report adopted.

Committee on Education report as follows: We, your Committee, are fully assured that the time has come when we as Baptists should make every effort in our power for the better education of the masses—and especially our own sons and daughters. We, therefore, recommend Globe Academy, (now conducted by Thomas C. Buchanan) as one of the best schools in Western North Carolina. We recommend Wake Forrest College, the beacon light of the South, as worthy the patronage of the denomination. We further advise every church in this Association to secure a good library of books. Let each church at the next Association report the number of volumes.

Respectfully s bmitted.

J. T. SHELL, Chm'n Com.

On motion to adopt, remarks by J. T. Shell, T. C. Buchanan and C. Durham. Report adopted.

Pledges here taken for ministerial education, to be

paid at or before next Association:

Dudley Shoals church, \$3; Fleming's Chapel, \$3; Globe, \$10; Green Valley, \$1; John's River, \$1; King's Creek, \$2; Lenoir, \$2; Lovelady, \$2; Lower Creek, \$2; Mt. Grove, \$1; Mulberry, \$1; Piney Grove, \$2; Pisgah, \$1; Rocky Springs, \$2; Sardis, \$2; Union No. 1, \$3; Wilson's Creek, \$1; Yadkin, \$1; Conway's Chapel, \$1; Granite Falls, \$2; Blair's Fork, \$1; L. M. Amas, \$1; M E. Miller 50 cents; total \$45.50.

Committee on Temperance report as follows: The temperance question is one of vital importance, affecting

the peace and prosperity of the country and the spiritual development of the church. Your committee fear that we as professed followers of Christ are not fully alive to our duty in regard to the great work of temperance reform, and urge the pastors of this Association to preach to their churches at least once during the Associational year on this important subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL M. CRISP, W. P. Bumgarner, M. E. THOMPSON, Committee.

On motion, for adoption, remarks by T. C. Buchanan, and report adopted.

Finance Committee report on hand from the various churches, and pay over to Treasurer \$52.88. Report adopted.

Committee of reference appointed at last Association, to which was referred the matter of difference between Granite Falls and Lovelady churches reported as follows: We, your committee, appointed at last Association, met at Granite Falls church on 11th of October, 1890. One of the committe being absent, W. H. H. Hartley was chosen to act with the committeee as Secretary. After inquiry into the matter, with the evidence before the committee, we decided Lovelady church to be the rightful owner of the property in dispute. We advise each church to use all means possible to effect a reconciliation of the matter at the earliest time possible.

Respectifully submitted,

J. Z. GRIFFIN, JNO. CRISP, W. H. H. HARTLEY, Committee.

On motion, the report was tabled, and committee discharged.

On motion, State Missions is made the special order for 11 o'clock tomorrow, and Brother C. Durham invited to preach at that hour on missions.

The Association here acknowledges the receipt of \$5.05 to be forwarded to Home Mission Board. This amount was contributed for this object at the last Union Meeting of this Association, held with Piney Grove church.

On motion, the Association adjourns until tomorrow

9½, A. M. Prayer by Bro. C. Durham.

THIRD DAY.

Morning Session, Sept. 12th.

Association convened as per adjournment. Minutes read, corrected and approved. Bro. Joe Powell here made some remarks relative to securing a better attendance on our Union Meetings.

Committee on Home Missions called upon and offered the following report: The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convent on is located at Atlanta, Ga. The object of the Board is to do mission work in and adjacent to the Southern States. It is co-operating with the various State Boards in meeting the great destitution in our Southland. This Board has employed 371 missionaries, seventeen of whom are in Western North Carolina, twenty-one in Cuba, thirty among the foreign population including the Indians, and fifty among the colored people. Churches and stations supplied by these 1,182. Baptisms, 4,477. Total additions 8,098.

Sunday schools organized in one year 336; teachers and pupils 12,420; churches organized 267; houses of worship built 84; Bibles and Testaments distributed 5,728. The religious interest in Cuba continues unabated. Total membership about 2,000. The Sunday school numbers more than 2,000. With these encouraging facts before us, let us endeavor to obey the command of our Lord and Savior, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Your committee recommend a more hearty cooperation on the part of the churches with this Board.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. CROOM, W. J. HAAS, P. H. PARDUE, Committee,

On motion for adoption, Brethren Caddell, Durham and Croom spoke to the report, which was adopted.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher for next session, report Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1892, as the time, Yadkin as the place and Brother H. M. Croom, with Brother E. D. Crisp as alternate, to preach the sermon. Report adopted.

Committee on State Missions report the following:

Your Committee on State Missions are of the opinion that they are the greatest of all missions from the fact that they give direction and vitality to all others. We did

a good and gracious work last year on the basis of \$15,000. Having been so highly favored by the Lord, let us press forward, that still greater things may be done this year in the name of our Savior Submitted by Commitee.

Rev. C. Durham preached a most excellent sermon on missions, Text: Luke 24th chapter, 45-48th verses. It has seldom been our/privilege to hear such a sermon. It was full of gospel.

At this point Brother Durham before leaving the pulpit took pledges from the various churches for State Missions to be paid at or before next session of the Association:

Globe \$10; Lencir \$50; Lower Creek \$10; Rocky Springs \$10; King's Creek \$5; Union No. 1 \$5; Yadkin \$5; Fleming's Chapel \$1; Lovelady \$5; In. M. Annas \$1; Mulberry \$1; Piney Grove \$5; Pisgah \$1; Wilson's Creek \$1; Conway's Chapel \$1; Granite \$5; Bethany \$1; Dudley Shoals \$5; Blair's Fork \$1; Sardis \$5; John's River \$1; Mt. Grove \$1. Total \$130.

Following the above pledges was a cash contribution

for State Missions amounting to \$3.41.

On motion, the body takes a recess for one hour. Benediction by Moderator.

EVENING SESSION.

Association convened as per adjournment. Report on State Missions adopted.

Committee on Foreign Missions report as follows:

Your Committee call attention to the fact that God has seen fit in his wisdom to call some of our people to do His work in Foreign fields, namely: Mexico, Brazil, Japan, China, Italy and Africa. We feel thankful that we are counted worthy to furnish men and women who have consecrated themselves to the work of converting the heathen from darkness to light. We, therefore, urge the brethren to make greater efforts this year than ever before to carry out our Lord's command, "Go preach my gospel to all nations, &c." Let us pray God for light and wisdom that we may prosecute the work aright.

Respectfully submitted by

COMMITTEE.

On motion, remarks by Brethren Croom, Murchison, Thomas and Durham and the report was adopted.

Pledges here taken payable by next Association to the

use of Brother G. W. Green, China:

Globe \$20; King's Creek, \$5; Lenoir \$5; Lovelady \$5; Lower Creek \$10; Mt. Grove \$2.50; M. E. Miller 50 cents; Mulberry \$1; Piney Grove \$5; Pisgah \$1; Rocky Springs \$6;

Sardis \$2; Union No. 1 \$5; Yadkin \$5; Bethany \$1; Granite Falls \$6; Dudley Shoats \$5; Fleming's Chapel \$2; Wilson's Creek \$1.50. Total \$88.50.

On motion, it was resolved that this body request Alexander county, Three Forks, and Brushy Mountain Associations, to aid us in supporting Brother Geo. W. Green in China.

The chair appointed Brother I. W. Thomas to confer with Three Forks Association, I Oxford with Alexander County and J. S. Gwaltney with Brushy Mountain Association.

Committee on Sunday Schools report as follows:

Your committee feeling the great importance of the work, would recommend as a means of accomplishing the greatest good, that every member of the church, old and young, engage in the work to their full capacity. We must be informed by a close study of God's word that we may sow seeds of truth that will bear abundant fruit in the upbuilding of our Master's cause. There is no place in which we can better do this than in the Sunday school. As a means of advancing this work we recommend the organization of a County Sunday School Association.

Respectfully submitted by

COMMITTEE.

On motion, report adopted, and discussion made special order for 9:30, a. m., tomorrow.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the Associational Executive Committee be requested to arrange the time and place and programme for the first session of the Caldwell County Sunday School Association, to issue an address to the Sunday schools, prepare a constitution, &c.

On motion, the thanks of this body are tendered to the Dudley Shoals church and community for their generous hospitality shown this Association.

On motion, Clerk was elected to the office of Treasurer of this Association.

On motion, Clerk instructed to have as many minutes of this session of the Association published as necessary and have five dollars for his services as Clerk.

On motion to adjourn the Association standand sing "How firm a foundation:" prayer by Brother H. M. Croom: benediction by Moderator.

SABBATH, SEPT. 13.

Mass meeting, 9:30, a. m.

Sermon, 10:30 by Brother M. L. Kesler. Sermon, 11:30 by Brother C. Durham.

Sunday collection \$6.76, to be divided equally between State and Foreign missions as previously determined.

I. OXFORD, Moderator.

JAMES V. McCALL, Clerk.

Brethren! Brethren!! I want to make one appeal to the brethren of this Association, in behalf of the Sunday school. I find in looking over the church letters that they show up only a little over half a thousand pupils in all the Quite a number of the churches have no school; some have schools for only a part of the year. Now brethren, there is no excuse for this. We have in this Association at least 3,000 children who should be in school every Sunday. I am sure it is the Lord's will that we have them there. How are we to excuse ourselves if we fail to take them? The Word says, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together," "Train up the child in the way he should go, &c." I would to God we could all feel sensibly the obligation we owe to God and our children. Organize a Sunday school; organize at once. Go to your church if you have one; if not go to your school house. If there is none in reach, why then organize in some of your dwellings, but by all means have a Sunday school.

We just here want to insist that every church secure printed blank church letters (they can be had at the Recorder office) by next Association, and be able to make a good showing for your churches. Send up to the next session of this body all statistical information possible, so as to enable the Clerk to make tabulated statements of the growth of the church, &c. We very much desired to have information at this time that would enable us to show up what the churches are doing through the Sunday school.

Fraternally, J. V. M., Clerk.

APPENDIX.

The Constitution, By-Laws and Abstract of Principles of the Caldwell County Baptist Association.

CONSTITUTION.

1st. This Association shall be known as the Caldwell County Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches, each church being entitled to three delegates and all regularly ordained ministers as members ex-officio.

2nd. The object of this Association shall be the pro-

motion of Christ's Kingdom in the hearts of men.

3rd. The delegates thus selected shall bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

4th. The Association thus formed shall choose by ballot a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall continue in office for one year and until others are chosen. The last

two offices may be held by the same individual.

5th. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order subject to an appeal of the house by any member; and to perform all other duties per-

taining to his office.

6th. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful and correct record of all the proceedings of each session of the Association, and to keep a file of printed minutes of the Association and every ten years have them bound in book form for the use of the Association, and to perform other duties assigned him by the Association.

7th. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of all the funds coming into his hands and

to report the same at the order of the Association.

8th. There shall be a committee of arrangements consisting of five members besides the Moderator and Clerk.

9th. All letters of grievances and queries, together with all letters from corresponding Associations requiring any attention thereon shall be submitted to the committee of arrangements and reported back to the Association.

10th This body shall have no coercive power to exercise Lordship over God's heritage; but shall only be an advisory council in all matters respecting the internal reg-

ulations of the churches.

11th. When an offense may have been committed by one church against another, or where a series of difficulties may have arisen in an individual church it shall be the duty of the Association, after due labors have been had between the offending and offended or any individual church as the case may be, to take the matter into consideration and advise upon it.

12th. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship toward any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve gospel order among their members, nor any of her churches and ministers that treat her constitution with contempt, but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote gospel principles and order.

13th. It shall be the province of this Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion,

but not to vote.

14th. The Association shall in all matters except cases pertaining to the costitution, be governed by a majority of the members present and shall not adjourn until they have gone through the business of the Association, except in extraordinary cases.

15th. Each church having an ordained or licensed minister shall report the same to the Association in order

that they may appear as such in the minutes.

16th. The Association shall furnish the churches with minutes of her proceedings, and it shall be the duty of the

churches to enable her to do so.

17th. The Association shall have a fund, created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer, subject to the disposition of a majority of the Association present at any annual session.

18th. The Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place as the body may from time to time

designate.

19th. By appointment of the Association there may be an introductory, a missionary and a denominational sermon preached at each annual session.

20th. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time, two-thirds of the members present concurring.

BY-LAWS.

1st. At each assembling of the Association for the transaction of business, the Moderator shall invite members to order; then the Association shall be opened by

praise and prayer.

2nd. When the Moderator takes his chair each member of the Association shall take a seat, and the minutes of the preceding day shall be read. The minutes of the last day of any session, however, may be read at the close of the session.

3rd. The Moderator may speak to points of order in preference to other members; and, in points of order, no member shall speak more than once without leave of the

house.

4th. The Moderator shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.

5th. All committees shall be appointed by the Moder-

ator, unless otherwise ordered by the body.

6th. He shall have general direction of the house and may name any member of the body to perform the duties of the chair.

7th. When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Moderator, and confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personalities, and when two or more members rise at the same time the Moderator shall name the brother to speak first. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the body.

8th. While the Moderator is addressing the Association or putting any question, no member shall speak, stand, walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking entertain private discourse, stand up, or pass

between him and the chair.

9th. After a motion is stated by the Moderator or read by the Clerk, it shall be deemed in the possession of the body, but may be withdrawn before a decision or amendment.

10th. All papers addressed to the Association shall

be presented by the Moderator.

11th. No member shall absent himself from the Asso-

ciation without leave of the body.

12th. If any brother in speaking or otherwise transgress the rules of this Association the Moderator shall, or any member may, call him to order; in which case the

brother so called to order shall at once conform to said

rule or take his seat.

13th. In all elections the Moderator may vote. In other cases he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

14th. These rules or by-laws may be altered or amended by a majority of the members at any session of the As-

sociation concurring.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

1st. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are three persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2nd. We believe that the Bible—the Old and New Testaments, is the Word of God, and the only rule of faith

and practice.

3rd. We believe in the impotency of man, and the

sovereignty of God.

4th. We believe that salvation is by grace through

faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ, to be practiced

only by believers in their Scriptural order.

6th. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, by a qualified administrator; and that only those thus baptised and are in fellowship with the church in feeling and in doctrine should take the Lord's Supper.

7th. We believe in the final perseverance of the saints

in grace to glory.

8th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a

general judgment.

9th. We believe that the existence of the righteous and of the wicked will both be of eternal duration; and that the happiness of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

ISAAC OXFORD,

ISAAC SMITH, W. A. Pool. Committee.

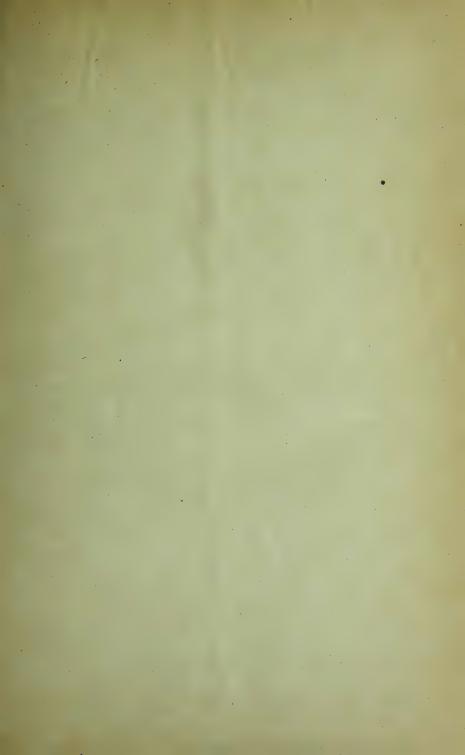
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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

John T. Shell,	Petra Mills, N. C
J. H. West,	Cedar Valley, "
I. Oxford,	Downsville, "
J. S. Gualtney,	Blackstone, "
T. C. Sherrill,	Jumbo, "
E. D. Crisp,	Upton, "
J. B. Phillips,	Upton, "
Warren Moore,	Patterson, "
J. H. Nelson,	Patterson, "
I. W. Thomas,	Hibriton, "
Isaac Smith,	Lenoir, "
Edmund Greene,	Houck, "
H. M. Croom,	Globe, "
Edmund Tilley,	King's Creek, "
J. F. Crisp,	Lenoir, "
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LICENTIATES.

D. L. Miller,	Hudson,	N C.
W. W. Conway,	Baton,	66
J. L. Phillips,	Globe,	6
W. H. H. Hartley,	Hudson,	66
W. C. White,	Petra Mills,	6.6

CALDWELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The Caldwell County Association met in its eighth annual session with the Yadkin Baptist Church, Patterson, N. C., on Thursday before second Sunday in September, 1892, at 11, A. M. Introductory sermon by Elder H. M. Croom. After an intermission of an hour the Association was called to order by Elder I. Oxford, Moderator of last session. Brethren G. M. Icenhour and E. D. Crisp were appointed reading clerks. Letters from churches read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Blair's Fork Church—James Bryant, W. S. Sudderth,

D. P. Presnell.

Bethany—L. A. Greene, Isaac Greene, G. A. McCall. Dudley Shoals—J. W. Shell and W. T. Sherrill. Conway's Chapel—T. H. Barber, J. Floyd, W. E. Bras-

well.

Greene Valley—E. Greene, J. B. Greene, E. A. Tolbert. Green Rock—C. H. Hawkins, W. M. Conley and J. T. Cozart.

Globe—A. Henley, T. C. Buchanan, Patterson Moore. Granite Falls—Henry Martin and H. C. Mackie.

John's River—J. C. L. Hayes.

King's Creek—Smith Coffey, G. M. Icenhour and Joe L. Beech.

Lower Creek—Joe Powell, I. A. Coffey, S. J. Stokes. Lenoir—F. P. Coffey, Geo. R. Clarke, J. V. McCall. Lovelady-W. C. Jones.

Mt. Zion-Richard Barker, Wm. Goble, G. J. Annas. Piney Grove—J. B. Greer, T. J. Pennell and E. Curtis. Pisgah—J. F. Crisp.

Rocky Springs-M. N. Harshaw.

Sardis—C. L. Coffey, J. A. Hice, J. J. Underdown. Union No. 1—Jno. L. McLeod, W. W. Porch and J. G. . McRary.

Union No. 2—Henry Moore and Andy Corpening. Wilson's Creek—J. L. Phillips, W. S. Cook, and J. T. Hayes.

Yadkin—J. B. Moore, J. C. Coffey, A. E. Nelson. Zack's Fork—J. J. Mitchell, Jno. P. Sherrill and Chas. Kemp.

The following Brethren, Calvin Farthing and Jasper Howell, are appointed tellers.

Permanent organization effected by electing Brethren

I. W. Thomas and J. V. McCall Moderator and Clerk.

Newly constituted churches here called for but none

responded.

At this point visiting brethren and correspondents were invited to seats. The following, Bro. Calvin Farthing, of Three Forks Association, and Bro Jasper Howell, of the Holsten Con., Tenn., accepted seats with us. The chair appoints committees as follows:

Arrangements—I. Oxford, J. S. Gualtney, S. J. Stokes,

Smith Coffey, E. D. Crisp, with Moderator and Clerk

Motion to make report of Committee of Arrangements permanent, tabled.

Orphanage—Joseph L. Beech.

Foreign Missions—T. C. Buchanan.

Education—Joe Powell.

Periodicals—George R. Clarke. Home Missions—J. S Gualtney.

State Missions—F. P. Coffey.

Temperance—E. D. Crisp.

Sabbath Schools—H. M. Croom. Resolutions—Walter L. Beech.

The following appointed a committee to nominate an executive committee for ensuing year: Jno. Nelson, E. D.

Crisp and W. L. Beech.

Permitted Rev. J H. West to make statement and present letter of grievance, which together with queries from Union No. 1, were referred to Committee of Arrangements, a report of which will appear further on.

On motion, Association adjourned 'till 9:30, A. M. to-morrow for devotional exercises and 10 o'clock for busi-

ness. Benediction by Elder J. S. Gualtney.

SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION.

Association convened as per adjournment, and after devotional exercises, conducted by Elders, Oxford, Crisp and Edwards, proceeded to business.

At this point Union church No. 2 was admitted and

delegates enrolled as per list of delegates.

Invitation to the privileges of the body accepted by Brethren, C. Durham, of State Mission Board; J. C. Caddell, of Biblical Recorder; and E. J. Edwards, of Thomasville Orphanage.

Committee of Arrangements report. Their report ac-

cepted and committee discharged.

Devotional committee report for preaching at 11 o'clock today by Bro. C. Durham, on Missions, and at Methodist Chapel near by tonight, by Elder C. M. Murchison.

Correspondents called on to report.

Bro. J. H. Martin, reports from South Fork, J. S. Gualtney and G. M Icenhour from Brushy Mountain, I Oxford from Catawba River Association, J. S. Gualtney, I. Oxford and Joe Powell from Alexander County Association. All bring good reports from our sister Associations.

The chair appoints correspondents and delegates as

follows:

Three Forks Association—H. M. Croom, E. D. Crisp. Alexander County Association—I. Oxford, J. S. Gualtney and J. L. McLeod.

South Fork Association—I. Oxford.

Catawba River Association—Joe Powell.

Brushy Mt. Association—J. H. Martin, J.S. Gualtney. Baptist State Convention—J. V. McCall and G. R. Clarke.

Southern Baptist Convention—I. W. Thomas.

Committee on Orphanage report:

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville now accommodates about 125 needy orphans. These must be clothed, fed and educated. There are other applications which cannot be recived for want of means. We recommend that the pastors and Sunday School Superintendents inform their people of the needs of the Orphanage, and take at least one collection each year for their benefit.

Respectfully submitted,

JOE L. BEECH.

On motion for adoption, remarks were made by Bro. E. J. Edwards, followed by a cash collection for the orphans amounting to \$4.17. Report adopted.

Special order having arrived Brother C. Durham preaches a most excellent sermon on Missions, using a map of the world and pointing out mission fields &c, to great effect—an object lesson which will do lasting good, having made its impression on the mind through the eye.

Association takes a recess 'till 2 o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Association convened at 2 o'clock, P. M. The chair appoints the following a committee on time, place and preacher: Geo. R. Clarke, S. J. Stokes and Smith Coffey.

Committee on Periodicals report:

A reading people are an intelligent people. Intelligence elevates and enlarges our views of our Lord's work. We, therefore, recommend the Biblical Recorder to all our brethren. It disseminates useful knowledge, and keeps its readers posted concerning the toils, tribulations and triumphs of the Lord's people. It keeps alive an interest in the progress of Christ's Kingdom on earth. As a fearless defender of the truth and exponent of errors and schisms it is a power in unitying and strengthening brethren in the faith. We recommend the "Foreign Mission Journal" and "Charity and Children." We further recommend to the Sunday Schools of our Association the use of the series of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted, GEO. R. CLARKE.

On motion for adoption, remarks were made by Brethren J. C. Caddell, Joe Powell, Jr., C. Durham and E J. Edwards, and report was adopted.

Committee on State Missions report.

For more than one hundred years the Baptists have been engaged in State Missions. In this work they have lain the foundation for their present numbers and general enlarged prosperity in every department of their work. This department has, from year to year, been enlarged, 'till this year we have one hundred missionaries in the destitute sections of our State. They have been greatly blessed in their work. We must not neglect this work if we hope for enlarged prosperity in our work at home or abroad. These self-sacrificing Baptist preachers who go into these destitute sections should be aided in their work. We recommend,

1st. That the pastors give their people something of the history, im-

portance, prospects and needs of State Missions.

2nd. That each church and each member of each church be asked to give something this year to aid this work.

Respectfully submitted by committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made to the report by Brethren Croom and Durham, and report was adopted.

The churches pledged for State Missions as follows,

payable at or before the next meeting of this body:

Globe church, \$10; Lenoir, \$50; Lower Creek, \$10; Rocky Springs, \$5; King's Creek, \$5; Union No. 1, \$5; Yadkin, \$5; Flemming's Chapel, \$1; Lovelady, \$2; Mulberry, \$1; Piney Grove, \$5; Pisgah, \$1; Wilson's Creek, \$1; Conway's Chapel, \$1; Granite Falls, \$2; Bethany, \$1; Dudley Shoals, \$5; Blair's Fork, \$1; Sardis, \$3; John's River, \$1; Mountain Grove, \$1; Greene Valley, \$1; Greene Rock, \$1; Mt. Zion, \$1; total \$125.

On motion, the Association adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock. Closing prayer by Jasper Howell. Ben-

ediction by Elder I. Oxford.

THIRD DAY, MORNING SESSION.

The Association convened at 9, A. M. Devotional exercises conducted by Brother J. N. Stallings. Association called to order. Minutes read, corrected and approved. Invitation to seats accepted by Brethren J. N. Stallings, of High Point Female College and C. E. Gower, of Lincolnton.

On motion, Clerk was requested to act as Treasurer of Association.

On motion, the chair appointed Brother I. Oxford Historian of Caldwell County Association to report at next meeting of this Association.

Committee on Home Missions report the following: Home Missions is that department of work of the Southern Baptist Convention which is located at Atlanta, Ga., and embraces five distinct parts:

1. Missions among the Indians. 2. Missions among the negroes.

3. Missions among the foreign population in the territory of the western States

4. Missions among the native white population in some of the southern and western States where the Baptist in those sections are too weak to do this work alone.

5. Missions on the Island of Cuba.

In each of these five departments the work has, from year to year, been

enlarged and greatly blessed of the Lord.

We should remember when Home Missions is named that it does not mean Missions in the Baptist State Convention, but beyond the borders of our State. We recommend,

1st. That the pastors give to their churches, during the next year, a

brief history of the Home Mission work and tell them of its needs.

2nd. That each church and each member of each church be asked to give something this year to this work,

Respectfully submitted by J. S. GUALTNEY, Com.

Remarks were made to the report by Brethren Jno. W. Shell, J. S. Gualtney, J. N. Stallings, H. M. Croom and E. J. Edwards, and report adopted.

The churches pledge as follows for Home Missions:

Blair's Fork, \$1; Bethany and Joshua Curtis each \$1; Conway's Chapel, \$1; Dudley Shoals, \$2; Flemming's Chapel, \$1; Greene Valley, \$1; Globe, \$5; Granite Falls \$2; John's River, \$1; King's Creek, \$1; Lower Creek, \$5; Lenoir, \$2; Lovelady, \$2; Mt. Zion, \$1; Mountain Grove, \$1; Piney Grove, \$1; Rocky Springs, \$2; Sardis, \$1; Union No. 1, \$1; Wilson's Creek, \$1; Yadkin, \$2; total \$35.

On motion, Education made special order for this hour

and committee called on and report as follows:

The boldest pioneer christians of America prized education next to their religion. Along with their efforts to spread the gospel, they put forth equally rigid efforts to educate the people. We believe with them that the correct education of the entire people means the prevention of pauperism and the suppression of crime. We believe that education is the handmaid of religion, and that along with the church-house should be erected the school house. Too great effort cannot be put forth for the enlightenment of our people. Especially should the rising ministry be sent forth equipped with thorough education. Wake Forest College has done untold good in this direction, and now offers still more advantages to all who would avail themselves of her benign aid. From the little manual labor school to the banner college in the State, she has arisen, having now \$225,000 endowment. Respectfully submitted, JOE POWELL, Jr., Com.

Remarks were made to this report by Brethren Stallings and Caddell, and it was adopted.

Following are pledges taken for Ministerial Education: Dudley Shoals church, \$2; Conway's Chapel, \$1, Globe, \$5; Granite Falls, \$2; John's River, \$1; King's Creek, \$1; Lower Creek, \$2; Lenoir \$1; Lovelady, \$1; Mt. Zion, \$1; Union No. 1, \$2; Wilson's Creek, \$1; Yakin, \$1; total \$21.

Association takes recess for 1½ hours.

EVENING SESSION.

Business resumed at time appointed. Prayer by Bro. E. J. Edwards.

Committee on Finance report, which will be found by

reference to statistical tables at end of this minute.

Committee on Time, Place and preacher for next session of this body report King's Creek Church, as the place, Thursday before 2nd Sunday in September, 1893, the time, Rev. E. D. Crisp preacher, Rev. J. H. Nelson as alternate.

On motion, the report was amended by inserting Granite Falls instead of King's Creek as the place. So that next session will be held with the Baptist church at Granite Falls on time above mentionted.

Committee on Temperance report:

Intemperance is a grievous sin; and while much good has been done in the past to the putting down of this pernicious evil, yet much remains to be done. We, therefore, advise our churches not to retain members who are in sympathy with the liquor trafic. Respectfully,

E. D. CRISP, Committee.

Committee on Sabbath Schools report.

We note with pleasure the interest taken in Sunday School work. We think that with one or two exceptions every church in this Association has a Sunday School. The sphere is one in which both old and young can and should work. In this work the seeds of truth are sown, which we taust will be watered by divine grace and made to ripen into fruit for Heaven. We now have an annual Sunday School convention The next session will be held with the Globe church, Friday before the first Sunday i May, 1893. We recommend the use of Lesson Helps, &c., which may be obtained at the Sunday School supply store, Raleigh, N. C., Rev. C. Durham secretary.

H. M. CROOM, Committee.

Discussion of report deferred until tomorrow 9:30, A. M. Committee on Foreign Missions report as follows:

The spirit of Missions is the spirit of Christ. His last injunction to the apostles was, "Go ye and teach all nations," we, as baptized believers in the Lord Jesus, claim to be their successors. The responsibilities and rewards of the gospel are ours, and we must speedily endeavor to carry out the command of our ascended Savior. The gospel has never before been so triumphant as today. This is the centennial year of modern missions. Now that the Lord has opened the doors of heathen countries, his people should carry the blessings of New Testament peace and salvation. We are especially interested in the Foreign work, since God has called one of our number, Rev. Geo. W. Greene, to go. We feel that our part is to pray for and with our means support our missionary. We recommend that the preachers of

this Association hold special services in the interest of missions from time to time in their respective churches. Respectfully submitted by the committee.

On motion for adoption a letter from Brother Geo. W. Greene, of Canton, China, was read by the clerk, which was much appreciated by the body, and remarks to report made by Brethren Howell, Stallings and McCall. Report adopted and pledges taken for Foreign Missions as follows:

Blair's Fork, \$1; Dudley Shoals, \$10; Greene Valley, \$2; Globe, \$20; Granite Falls, \$10; John's River, \$1.50; King's Creek, \$5; Lower Creek, \$10; Lenoir, \$10; Lovelady, \$5; Mulberry, \$1; Mountain Grove, \$1; Piney Grove, \$1; Pisgah, \$1; Rocky Springs, \$5; Sardis, \$4; Union No. 1, \$5; Wilson's Creek, \$2; Yadkin, \$5; Mt. Zion, \$1; E. D. Crisp, \$1; T. C. Buchanan, \$1; H. C. Mackie, \$1; Joe Powell, \$1; I. Oxford, \$1; T. C. Robbins, \$1; J. L. McLeod, \$1; S. E. Berry, \$1; Jasper Howell, \$1; J. B. Moore, \$1; W. L. Beech, \$1; I. W. Thomas, \$1; W. S. Cook, \$1; J. H. Martin, \$1; J. V. McCall, \$1; M. G. Shearer, \$1.

Committee on Nominations for Executive Committee for next year report the following brethren as an Association Executive Committee: M. G. Shearer, F. P. Moore, J. L. Beech, Joe Powell and J. V. McCall.

Report adopted.

On motion, amount State Mission fund now in hands of Association Treasurer be paid over to our Association Missionary. Amount paid over \$11.04.

Committee on Resolutions report the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for the kind and hospitable entertainment of the delegates and visitors to this Association.

Also to the Moderator and Clerk for the able manner in which they have

discharged the duties of their respective offices.

Respectfully submitted by your committee W. L. BEECH.

On motion, Clerk authorized to have \$5 for services and have as many minutes printed as possible with balance of the minute fund.

Following are some queries from Union No. 1 together

with answers by committee of Association:

1st. Is it right for a church to hold members who denounce the church in its action, wherein the church makes an action to do a certain thing, and then ignoring the action, and not recind the former action of the church?

2nd. When a member of a Baptist church declares a withdrawal from the church, and the church in session

makes an effort to withdraw from said member and the effort is lost by a majority vote of the church What would be the proper way to act in such cases?

The above was submitted to the church at Union and

sent to the Association. This 3rd day of Sept., 1892.

J. WILSON WEST, Clerk.

ANSWERS.

1st. Each local Baptist church, knowing all the circumstances in such cases as are covered by this query is. in the opinion of your committee the best judge of such matters.

2nd. For all to cheerfully submit to the action of the

majority of the church.

A certain letter by Brother J. H. West bearing date of Sept. 8th, 1892, addressed to the Caldwell County Association has been presented to your committee and is hereby referred to said local church as the only scriptural authority in such matters. Signed by your committee.

Sept. 9th, 1892.

On motion, collection on tomorrow to be divided equal-

ly between State and Foreign Missions.

Association adjourned. Closing song: "Oh for a closer walk with God." Prayer by Brother C E. Gower and benediction by Moderater, I. W. Thomas.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPT. 11th, 1892.

Congregation met at 10, A. M., and held a Sunday School mass-meeting, conducted by Bro. J. C. Caddell. Short speeches by Brethren M. N. Harshaw, J. N. Stallings and others.

Preaching at 11, A. M. by Elder C. E. Gower, also at Methodist chapel near by at same hour by Elder T. C. Buchanan. Contributions at both points for State and

Foreign Missions, amount \$14.85.

EVENING.

Sermon at 3, P. M. by Dr. J. N. Stallings, followed by collection taken for our orphans at Thomasville, amounting to \$4.80.

Thus ends one of the most harmonious sessions this

body has enjoyed since its organization, 8 years ago.

I. W. THOMAS, Moderator.

J. V. McCALL, Clerk.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for reports of correspondents.

- 2. Aappoint correspondents and delegates to State and Southern Baptist Conventions.
 - Call on Committee on Orphanage to report.
 Call on Committee on Periodicals to report.
 - 5. Call on Committee on State Missions to report.
 - 6. Call on Committee on Home Missions to report.7. Call on Committee on Temperance to report.
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 - 9. Call on Committee on Foreign Missions to report.
 - 10. Call on Committee on Education to report.
- 11. Call on Committee on Executive Committee to report.

12, Call on Committee on Finance to report.

- 13. Call on Committee on Time, Place and Preacher to report.
 - Call on Committee on Resolutions to report.

 Call on Committee of Nominations to report.



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MINISTERS AND OFFICERS OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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J. H. West,	6.	6.6
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T. C. Sherrill,	Jumbo,	66
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J. T. Shell,	Petra Mills,	66
H. M. Croom,	Globe,	66
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Edmund Lilly,	King's Creek,	66
J. D. Moore,	Globe,	6.6
M. L. Clarke,	Muttenz,	4.6
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W. W. Conway,	Baton,	6.
J. Z. Griffin,	46	66
W. H. Davis,	Globe,	6.6
J L. Phillips,	Houck,	4.6
F. P. Coffey,	Hartland,	4.6
W. H. H. Hartley,	Hudson,	66
D. L. Miller,	Saw Mills,	6.6
W. R. Beach,	King's Creek,	6.6
OFFICERS.		
A. E. Nelson, Clerk and Treasurer,	Patterson,	N. C.
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PROCEEDINGS

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Caldwell County Baptist Association

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NORTH CAROLINA.

GRANITE FALLS CHURCH, September 7, 1893.

Delegates from their respective churches assembled at 11 o'clock a. m Rev. J. S. Gwaltney preached the introductory sermon from the 23rd Psalm.

After an intermission of one hour, the Association reassembled. Rev. I. W. Thomas, the previous Moderator, read the 133rd Psalm. The congregation sang hymn "Blest be the tie that binds," etc. Prayer was led by Bro. J. F. Crisp.

The Chair appointed Bro. A. E. Nelson Temporary Clerk, and

brethren M. T. Harshaw and W. R. Beach Reading Clerks.

The list of churches and delegates are enrolled as follows:

Bethany -T. C. Curtis.
Blair's Fork—S J. Stokes.
Conway's Chapel—D. G. Barker. J. F. Loyed.
Dudley Shoals—J. H. Jones, F. Stine.
Flemmings' Chap-l—I. C. King, E. Coffey.
Green Rock—J. H. Johnson.
King's Creek—J. L. Beach, G. M. Icenhour, Smith Coffey.
Lower Creek—M. E. Thompson, R. L. Austin.
Lovelady—W. R. Bumgarner.
Lenoir—G. R. Clark
Mount Zion—D. L. Miller, L. M. Annas, G. J. Annas.
Piney Grove—Vincen Greer, J. G. Melton.
Rocky Spring—M. G. Shearer, M. N. Harshaw, E. Puett.
Sardis—J. A. Woods, A. P. Harris, W. D. L. Gobble.
Wilson's Creek—J. H. Estes, I. B. Hays.
Yadkin—J. K. Farthing, D. N. Hicks, E. H. Greer.
Union No. 1.—W. C. Oxford, W. M. Pennell, J. W. West.

The Moderator appointed brethren J. C. Caddell and E. A. Poetellers. The body was permanently organized by electing brethren I. W. Thomas Moderator and A. E. Nelson Clerk.

The Chair appointed the following Committees: Committee on Arrangements—Brethren I. Oxford, F. P. Coffey, J. L. Beach, H. C.

Mackey and M. N. Harshaw. with Moderator and Clerk.

On motion visiting brethren were invited to seats, and to participate in the discussions, the following responded: E. J. Edwards, of Thomasville Baptist Orphanage; J. C. Caddell, of Biblical Recorder; C. Durham, State Missions; E. A. Poe, Catawba River Association.

The Moderator was empowered to a point all Committees.

Devotional Committee-Pastor an gates of Granite Falls Church.

Committee on Foreign Missions-Joseph Powell, Jr.

" Home Missions-M. N. Harshaw. " State Missions-F. P. Coffey.

66 " Education-J. S. Gwaltney. 66 " Periodicals-J. L. Beach.

" Sunday Schools-G. M. Icenhour.

" Temperance-J. F. Crisp. " Orphanage-J. H. Johnson.

"Time, place and preacher, for next Association— Joseph Powell, Jr., M. G. Shearer and W. R. Beach. Committee on Finance—D. N. Hicks, R. L. Austin and G. R.

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On motion the Chair is empowered to appoint a Committee of three on each subject claiming the attention of the Assosiation, the first named to be recognized as Chairman, and to make the opening address at the next Association.

The report on Periodicals is made a special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. State Missions, 11 o'clock, Foreign and Home at 2 o'clock p. m.

On motion the body adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow mern-

ing, for prayer meeting. 9½ o'clock to resume business.

SECOND DAY-MORNING SESSION.

adjournment. Prayer The body met at 9 o'clock a, m., as per meeting conducted by Bro. J. G. Blalock. The Chair announced business in order. The minutes of yesterday were read by the Clerk and approved by the body. Letters from churches not represented vesterday were read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Globe-H. M. Croom, A. E. Croom, Patterson Moore.

John's River—Rrepresented by Letter.

Union No 2-(Colored.)-Represented by Letter.

Mount Zion-J. Z Griffin, W. W. Conway. Green Valley-J. B. Green, M. E. Estes

Granite Falls-G. W. Houck, J. D. King, E. Perry.

The invitation is hereby extended to visiting brethren. The tollowing cordially accepted: D. W. Herring, returned Missionary from China; B. S. Peterson representing the North Carolina Bap-TIST: J. M. Shaver, Correspondent from Alexander County Associa tion; J. G. Blalock and C. M. Murchison, of South Fork Association.

The Committee on Arrangements report—the same is adopted.

1. Call for Reports of Correspondents.

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16 " Historian.

17. Appoint a Committee on Obituaries.
18. An Executive Committee.

19. "Standing Committees.

20 Give Instructions for Printing Minutes.

21 Call on Committee on Resolutions

22. Call on Correspondents to Sister Associations to report.

The Chair appointed Bro. H. M. Croom to draft resolutions.

Committee on Periodicals report:

A good, live and sound religious newspaper is a household necessity. A reading recople are an intelligent people, and thefore our Baptist people ought to be a reading people. It is to be greatly regretted and deplored that so few of our people read any religious paper. Many read secular papers but are failing to see the importance of taking and reading a good religious paper. First, every Baptist family in the Callwell Association ought to read the Biblical Recorder, it is our denominational organ and is true to all our interests, and is sound to the chore. We also cheerfully recommend Charity and Children, our orp an's paper as worthy of our support, also the North Carolina Baptist, printed at Favetteville, N. C., is a good sound religious paper, all of which are worthy of our support.

We would also recommend to all our Sunday Schools the use of literature of the Scuthern Baptist Convention. We futher recomment the appointment of a Colporter in the bounds of the Caldwell County

Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. BEACH, Com.

Remarks were made on the report by brethren Caddell, Edwards and Peterson. Bro. Durham spoke on the clause partaining to Colportage—the same is adopted

At this period Brethern, J. H. Huffman. Elisha Bradshaw and Edagr Poe, from Catawba River Association, were welcomed to

seats.

Report on State Missions:

We are very greatful for the success our Baptists have had during the past year. It seems that the Lord is blessing His cause more largely in every department of His work than ever before. We hear report from all sections of the State, and find that our Missionaries have made great progress, numbers have been added to the churches, and new churches organized. Now we earnestly beg our brethren to push this grand work on as fast as the Lord opens the way for it. That the knowledge of His glory may soon cover the earth as the waters cover the seas.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by Bro. Durham the same was adopted.

Pledges were taken as follows:

Flemming's Chapel\$	2.00
Granite Falls	200
King's Creek	500
Lower Creek	5 00
Lenior	50 00

Piney Grove	2 00
Sardis	
Yadkin	150
Total	74.50

The body takes a recess of one and a half hours. Evening session, at 2 p. m. the congregation returns to the house at the singing of hymn "Am I a soldier of the Cross" &c., prayer led by Bro. Herring.

Committee on Foreign Missions Report:

The last injunction of our Lord and Savior was "Go ye therefore and teach all nations?" This has been the spirit of the Baptist down through all ages, but not until one hundred years ago were they at liberty to go forward in carrying out this grand commission. Now the doors of almost every neathen nation are open, and the opportunites for carrying out this command were never greater.

We should esteem it as much a privilege as a duty to engage in this work. Since the Lord has ho ored us by calling some from among us to the foreign field, we should feel a deeper interest in China than ever before. Therefore we feel that our part is to pray

for and with our means help support our Missionaries

JOE POWELL, Com.

On motion to adopt Bro. Herring spoke in interest of the Gospel Mission method. Bro. Durham in interest of the Board method. Report was adopted.

On motion adjourned until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow. Bro. E. J.

Edwards preached at night, text Acts 11:26.

THIRD DAY-MORNING SESSION.

Devotional services conducted by Bro. Gwaltney. The chair announced the following committees:

Foreign Missions, H. M. Creom.

Education, W. L. Beach and M. N. Harshaw. Periodicals, J. V. McCall and F. P. Moore Sunday Schools, Joe Powell and J. B. Moore. Orphanage, W. R. Beach and D. N. Hicks.

Temperance, I. Oxford and E. D. Crisp.

Home Missions, J. S. Gwaltney and H. C. Mackey. State Missions, F. P. Coffey and G. M. Icenhour. Foreign Missions, H. M. Croom and J. H. Nelson.

Executive Committee, J. L. Beach, Joseph Powell, Jr., J. V. McCall, M. G. Shearer and H. C. Mackey.

Called on correspondents that were appointed last year to report, a number reported satisfactory.

The chair appoints the following cerrespondants.

Southern Baptist Convention, H. M. Croom.

Baptist State Convention, W. C. White and G. R. Clark.

Report on Orphanage:

Dear brethren your committee on the Orphanage think it one of the worthiest objects which it is our duty to support, and our privilege to care for. There are now 133 orphans at our Baptist Orphanage who are wholly dependant upon us for the comforts of life; and there are numbers of fatherless and motherless children now who need our assistance and can't have it because our hearts are not in sympathy with them. O, that we had in our hearts the religion of Jesus, to that extent that our feelings could be touched by the cries of that host of heipless ones; and to this end we urgently request all our pastors and Christian workers throughout this Association to place and keep this matter before our churches in such a way as to enlist the sympathy and help of every one

Respectfully submitted

J. H. JOHNSON. Com.

On motion to adopt remarks were made by Brethren Johnson and Edwards followed with a cash collection for the Orphanage to the amount of \$6.30—the same adopted. The invitation to visiting brethren is still extended; Bro. R. L. Moore, principal of Amherst Acrdemy, A. L. Ramsour from Southfork Association, J. T. Strange from Charleston Association, Charleston, S. C., were recognized.

Report on Education:

Education is the development of those faculties which God has given us by a ductile process. Now, since God has given us both science and object lessons by which this may be carried out to perfection, therefore we are duty bound to give our children a practical education. Your committee would recommend Amherst Academy for our boys and girls, and Wake Forest College as one of the best institutions of learning in the State.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. GWALTNEY, Com.

Committee.

On montion to adopt, remarks by brethren Moore and Caddell on general education, by Bro. Murchison on Ministerial education—the same adopted.

Finance report:

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On motion the report is adopted.

Pledges were taken for ministerial education, as follows:

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King's Creek	66	(Beach)	12,50
Lower Creek	41	6.	5.00
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J. H. Johnson	66	66	1.00
Total			\$35,50,

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Adjourned for see hour.

THE D DAY—EVENING SESSION

Business result of at time appointed. The Chair appointed the following corresponds to sister Associations:

Three Forks: -- H. M. Croom, E. D. Crisp, Alexander V. Oxford, J. D. Berry and Joseph Powell

South Fork: -1 W. Thomas. Catawba River: -1. S Gwaltney.

Brushy Mountain: -V. Greer and J. S. Gwaltney.

Report of Committee on resolutions for Foreign Missions:

Resolved. That we, the Caldwell county Association, endorse the Gospel Mission plan for carrying on the Foreign Mission work so far as to recommend it to the churches. Hoping they will endorse one of the young men now before us for appointment, say Bro T. L. Blalock, who exiects to sail for China November 13th,

H. M. CROOM, Com.

On motion to adopt, Remarks were made by brethren Croom, Herring, Poe and Gwaltney in favor of the report. Caddell, Powell, and Oxford in opposition. The resolution was adopted.

Report on Home Missions:

The work of the clome Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention embraces the Territories. Mexico, cuba, and part of the Western States, work among the Indians, negroes and some of our Southern country, with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga. On each of these fields we have consecrated brethren who are trying to plant the Cross of Christ and impart the doctrine of the New Pestament as we hold it. These brethren are dependent upon the contributions of the Southern Baptists and should receive our hearty support.

Respectfully submitted,

M. N. HARSHAW, Com.

On motion to adopt. Remarks were made by Bro. Thomas. Report adported.

Committee on Temperance Report.

The use of intoxicating liquors has caused more trouble in the churches, more poverty and suffering in families and possibly more distructive of soul and body than any other evil. One hundred thousand annually sinking into drunkard's graves and the drunkark's hell. These leave many widows and orphans in a suffering condition. The Bible forbids the use of strong drink, your committee recommended that the churches withdraw fellowship from any member who gives encouragement to the liquor traffic, by selling or in any other way furnishing grain or truit to distillers, or uses liquor as a beverage. Report adopted.

J. F. CRISP, Com-

Committee on Sunday Schools report:

The future success of our country and churches largely depends on the training of the rising generation. While there are many engaged in the Sunday School work and the zeal for the same has increased for the past year by the efforts of the Sunday School Association. Still there are many members of the Missionary Baptist church, we are sorry to say, who are indifferent and care but little about how their own children are trained and much less about thier neighbors. God did not intend for all to proclaim His Gospel from the sacred desk, but He did intend for us to let our light shine by co-working with Him in His vineyard.

G. M. Icenhour, Com.

The report is adopted and discussion deferred until 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

Executive committee report:

To the Callwell County Association: We your Executive Com-

mittee respectfully submit the following report. At our first meeting which was held September 12, 1892, we hoped to continue the associational mission work, as recommended by the last session of this body. We continued Brother H. M. Croom as missionary, and wrote letters to the churches, asking them if they would send their pledges for State Missions to the Treasurer of our committee, to be used in the work as above stated, but very few of the churches responded, so we were compelled to discontinue the services of Brother Croom after six weeks, something that we very much regretted to do. If the Association think best to have Associational Mission work done, we would recommend that the pledges be taken for this particular work. We wait with pleasure the interest that is being taken in the Sunday School work in our borders. While there is time much remains to be done.

Report adopted.

M. J. SHEARER,
J. L. BEACH,
JOE POWELL, Jr.,

Committee.

Report of Historian being somewhat lengthy, will appear later on. Also on Obituaries.

Report of Committee on Time, Place, etc., report:

Time of next Association Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1894. Place: King's Creek Church, eleven miles east of Lenoir. Preacher of introductory sermon, Elder H. M. Croom; Elder J. H. West, alternate.

JOE POWELL, Jr., M. G. SHEARER, W. R. BEACH,

Committee on Resolutions report:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Granite Falls and vicinity for their kindness and generous hospitality to the delegates and visiting brethren during this Association.

Committee.

On motion, the Clerk is empowered to construct the printing of the minutes, he to retain five dollars for his services, the remainder to be paid for the expenses of the minutes. The minutes are to be distributed among the churches in proportion to the amount of minute fund from each church.

Devotional Committee report:

Sunday Services—At 11 a. m., Rev. D. W. Herring will preach in the Baptist Church, and Rev. I. W. Thomas will preach in the Lutheran Church at 11 a. m. At 2 p. m., Rev. H. M. Croom in the Baptist Church, and Rev. E. A. Poe in the Lutheran.

Committee.

Rev. J. M. Shearer preached Saturday night in the Baptist Church. Text: Luke 22d chapter. Subject: "Peter's denial." Obituaries:

Rev. Isaac Smith was born in Burke county, now Caldwell, in the year A. D., 1819. He professed religion in the year 1841, when 22 years old, and joined the church at Lower Creek. Most of his time he was a member of Lower Creek church. A few years previous to his death he went into the constitution of a new church, called Jack's Fork, which he had been instrumental in establishing. had been pastor of several churches during the time of his ministry. He was a plain, earnest Gospel preacher, contending earnestly for "the faith once delivered to the saints." And notwithstanding his limited education, and the raising of a large family, mostly the labors of his own hands, was an instrument of God in his own day and gen-On June 19, 1893, in the town of Lenoir, he fell dead. He had been a sufferer from rheumatism for years, and it was probably rheumatism of the heart that caused his sudden death. He left an aged wife and several children and grandchildren and sons-in-law, to-wit: Elisha Bradshaw, a good pious member of the Baptist Church, suffering from heart disease, on the third day after Brother Brother Bradshaw died suddenly. Thus passed Smith's death. away two laborers of the Master's Vineyard to the promised rest. Write, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, for they shall rest from their labors and their works do follow them." We are also deprived of the pleasure of meeting and greeting Brethren Allen Laxton, John Greer, B. F. Green, and Daniel Presnell, who were pillars in the church of the living God, but are now resting from their labors. I. Oxford.

Report of the Historian:

To the ministers and delegates of the Caldwell County Baptist Association:

Dear Brethren:—At the second session of this body there was a historical committee appointed, to-wit: Jessee Moore, Elder A. C. Farthing, D. K. Bennett, J. H. West and W. A. White, and on motion, the Moderator and Clerk were added. The object and work of said committee is stated on 9th page of Minutes of second

session of this body.

The Caldwell County Baptist Association was organized at Rocky Spring Church on the first of October A. D., 1885, by delegates representing sixteen churches, said churches belonging to three sister Associations, to-wit: Brushy Mountain, Three Forks and Catawba River, there having been a meeting previously held at Lower Creek Church in interest of said organization, in which Elders Isaac Oxford, W. A. Pool and Isaac Smith were appointed to draft a constitution, abstract of principles, rules of decorum, etc., which was done and received by the delegates when organized. The Association was organized by appointing Isaac Oxford Moderator and W. A. Pool Clerk. The oldest church in the Association is the Yadkin church, which was constituted in A. D., 1760-1775, the oldest records being lost. The second church in age is King's Creek, which was organized A. D., 1779.

Presbytery-Revs. W. M. Doston, Moses Standsburg and John

Carlton.

Union Church, an arm of King's Creek Church, and constituted into a church on the second day of June, 1814, by W. M. Dodson.

Moses Standsburg and John Carlton.

Lower Creek Church is also the outgrowth of King's Creek Church; as was also Sardis Church, which, in her constitution, was called Gunpowder Church. This church was constituted September 7, 1831, by Revs. Benjamin Beach and Thomas Craig. From the records of King's Creek Churth, I cm led to believe that Little River Church, in Alexander county, was her offspring, under the name of Barnes' meeting house. Antioch Church was first an arm of Union Church, as was Dover Church. Dudley Shoal Church was also the outgrowth of Union Church, constituted by R. L. Steele, James Reed and Isaac Oxford. Love Lady Church was from Union and Sardis Churches, constituted February 21, 1880, by Isaac Oxford and J. T. Shell. We are not in possession of the records of the constitution of Piney Grove Church, but after her organization she became a member of the Brushy Mountain Association. Mulberry Church is an old church, but we lack statistics to do her the honor we desire. We also want statistics of the Globe Church, which is a strong working body, and came to be one of us from the Three Foaks Association, a strong and influential body of working Christians, organized in the year 1840. Pisgah is a young church from the same Association. Bethany Church also came into confederation with us from the Three Fork's Association. John's River was first a member of the Three Forks Association. Rocky Spring Church is an aged and honorable body of Christians, and came from the Catawba River Association, our senior in age and partly our mother in ancestry. Conway's Chapel also came to our confederation from Catawba River Association. Flemming's Chapel likewise came from Catawba River Association. Mountain Grove came from Catawba River Association, constituted April, 1882, by D. W. Conway and E. A. Poe. The Lenoir Church was constituted by Elders W. A. Pool, Isaac Oxford, and Isaac Smith on the third Sunday in August, 1889. Blair's Fork was constituted by Elders Isaac Oxford, Isaac Smith and H. C. Marley, April 19, 1891. Zack's Fork Church was constituted by Rev. Isaac Smith. Granite Falls Church was constituted the third Saturday in January, 1890, by Elders C. M. Murchison, E. K. Bennett, Isacc Oxford and Brother A. Cook. Green Rock is a newly constituted church. Green Valley is also a newly constituted church. Union, No. 2 (colored) is a newly constituted church. Wilson's Creek is a newly constituted church. Mount Zion is a newly constituted ceurch. The Catawba River Association was constituted November 16, 1827, at Yadkin church, then called the head of the Yadkin.

Letters were read from thirteen churches, all of which formerly belonged to the Broad River Association. The Broad River Association may therefore be said to be the mother of the Catawba River Association.

The stand was occupied on the Sabbath by Elders Smith Ferguson, Alfred Webb and William Richards. The writer was present and remembers Richard's text, "God is Love." The Catawba R'ver Association was a prolific body, and was therefore the mother of the Lewis Fork Association. The Lewis Fork Association was organized at Union Church October 1, 1835. Rev. Smith Ferguson was Moderator; John Carlton Clerk. Eight churches went into the

confederation. This Association went on doing her work 24 years, and had about 24 churches in her confederation. In the year 1851 she made a step in the wrong direction by strenuously opposing the temperance reformation. Two members of Little River Church joined the Sons of Temperance. They were taken under dealings. They offered everything that was fair or reasonable, but nothing but to discard would satisfy. Seventy members voted to excommunicate them, twenty-nine to retain them. On a motion, thirty-one were excluded without further effort on the part of the church. Most of the other churches in the Association chose their delegates, such as they knew would go in that direction. There was a query came up for consideration in the Association.

Query: Is it a sufficient ground for exclusion in a Baptist church for a member to join the Sons of Temperance? Ans. Aye. After faithful efforts to convince the Association of her error, Rev. Richard Gentry, W. C. Church, Smith Ferguson, S. P. Smith and various others drew up a remonstrence against such procedure and had it read to the Association and congregation on the Sabbath, and Monday October 6, 184I, the thirty-one excluded members, with nineteen others and five ministers, fifty-four in all, met in the town of Taylorsville, and by the politeness of the Methodists, permitted them to go into their house and constitute a Baptist church on Scriptural and Temperance principles, which in one year from that time was met by several other churches, and formed the Taylorsville Association. Said Association founded the Academy at that place, and it was a member of that body that started the Judson Female College of Hendersonville, and working with the proper spirit the other brethren. In nine years they met, that is the Taylorville, Lewis Fork, and Lower Creek Associations, in convention, and united under the name of United Baptist Association, that was November 11 and 12, 1859, at Zion Hill. In the year 1862 some of the bretheren became dissatisfied and reorganized the Lewis Fork Association, but they found that the subject of missions and temperance were so deeply rooted in the minds of the brethren, and both aspiring to the same territory, there was another convention called at Three Forks Church, and they united under the name of Brushy Mountain Association, which is still living, working and knowing the Master's name and From the Brushy Mountain Association came churches into the confederation that formed the Caldwell County

The Three Forks Association is an honorable body of good working brethren, sending forth the rays of light and truth, was organized in 1840, but statistics are lacking to give the proper information of her parentage and strength as an organization.

The Globe Academy and other institutions speak in unmistakable

language of her worth in the Master's cause.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC OXFORD, Historian.

This, with the obituaries, ordered to be incorporated in the minutes.

On motion, adjourned to meet at the time and place for the next Association.

I. W. THOMAS, Moderator.

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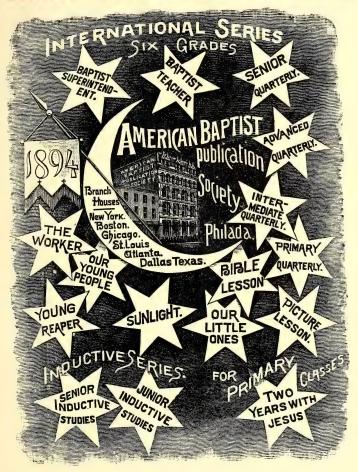
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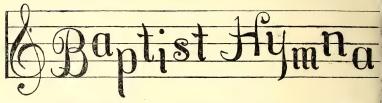
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CALDWELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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NORTH CAROLINA.

King's Creek Church, Sept. 6th, 1894.

Introductory sermon preached by Rev. H. M. Croom, from

Ecclesiastes 9-10.

Refreshments for one hour, after which the Association convened, the Moderator read the 133rd Psalm. Prayer lead by Bro. B. S. Peterson. The delegates presented their letters. Brethren J. F. Spainhour and W. R. Bradshaw were appointed reading Clerks. The Association proceeded to elect officers with brethren M. P. Matheny and B. S. Peterson tellers.

The body was permanently organized with brethren J. V. Mc-

Call Moderator and A. E. Nelson Clerk.

The Churches and Delegates weare enrolled as follows:

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Mountain Grove,—R. F. Smith, J. Z. Griffin.

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Sardis,-W. H. H. Hartley, J. C. Coffey.

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Conway's Chapel,—J. R. Barber, M. W. Taylor.

Blair's Fork,—Not Represented.

Granite Falls,-H. C. Mackie, J. H. Martin,

Flemmings Chapel,—L. W. Anderson, P. H. Pardue.

Love Lady,—R. H. McCall.

Greene Valley,—A. D. Cline, J. S. Franklin, M. C. Estes.

Union No. 2. col.—T. J. Dabney.

On motion visiting brethren were invited to seats. Brethren M. P. Matheny from South Fork Association, B. S. Peterson, representing the "North Carolina Baptist," J. M. Shaver from Alexander Co., Association, W. R. Bradshaw, A. W. Stealman, S. G. Stout from Brushy Mountain Association and J. F. Spainhour from Three Fork Association, cordially responded.

The Chair appointed the following committees: Committee on arrangements, Brethren I. Oxford, I. W. Thomas, L. H. Carlton, E. D. Crisp and N. A. Laxton with Moderator and Clerk.

Committee on Finance, H. C. Mackie and G. R. Clarke.

Committee on Devotion, Pastor, Deacons and Delegates of King's Creek Church.

Committee on time, place, and preacher for the next session of this Association, P. H. Pardeu, J. W. Laxton, D. L. Miller, J. R. Barber and J. C. L. Hayes.

The following programme was adopted, Bro. E. D. Crisp to conduct prayer meeting tomorrow at 9 a.m. Resume business at 9:30. Bro. Matheny to preach at 11 a.m. On motion the body stands adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SECOND DAY.

Second day, 9 a. m. Prayer meeting conducted as previously arranged. After which the Chair announced business in order. Read, corrected, and approved the minutes of yesterday. At this period the invitation was extended to visiting brethren. J. C. Caddell, representing the *Biblical Recorder*, C. C. Pool from Alexander Association accepted the invitation.

Report of Committee on arrangements:

Call for minutes of previous day.
 "Report of correspondents.

3. Appoint Correspondents to Association and Delegates to State and Southern Baptist Conventions.

Call on Committee on Education to report. 4. 5. Periodicals to report. 6. Sunday Schools to report. Orphanage to report. 66 46 8. Temperance to report. 66 . 66 66 9. Home missions to report. 10. State Missions to report. 66 66 66 11. Foreign Missions.

12. " " Executive Committee to report.

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15. Appoint a Committe on Resolutions.

16. " " Nominations.

17. Call on Historian to report.

18. Election of Executive Committee.

19. Appoint Standing Committees.

20. Give instructions as to printing of Minutes.21. Call on Committee on Resolutions to report.

22. Call for report of Treasurer of Gospel Mission Fund.

Report adopted.

On motion the Chair was authorized to take up the items of business on the above report as they appear, unless otherwise ordered by the body.

Called on Correspondents to report. A number of the brethren reported satisfactorily. The following Correspondents were appointed to visit Sister Associations, brethren I. W. Thomas and J. T. Shell to Catawba River and South Fork Associations. W.R. and J. L. Beach and J. W. West to Alexander Co., Association. G. M. Icenhour to Three Forks, Ass'n., L. H. Carlton, J. W. West, and I. W. Thomas to Brushy Mountain Ass'n. I. W. Thomas, J. K. Moose, H. M. Croom, J. V. McCall, A. E. Nelson, G. R. Clarke, H. C. Mackie and J. W. Shell, to State Convention, H. M. Croom to Southern Baptist Convention.

Report on Education:

The time has come in our country when all who would succeed must have an education: Therefore your committee would urge our people to utilize every facility for education in their reach. We also urge the importance of Ministerial education, and insist that our young Ministers shall attend our College at Wake Forest, in order that they may be more fully prepared to do the work before them. In our opinion the Legislature ought to provide for a four months school in every district in North Carolina. And, whereas, the last Legislature appropriated \$148,000 for higher education, which amount would put more than two three months schools in every township in the State. Therefore, Resolved, That in our opinion none of the taxes of the people ought to be appropriated to higher education.

Resolved, That in our opinion the giving of money by the State to higher education hinders, rather than helps the cause of Education.

Discussion deferred until afternoon.

Report on Periodicals:—At no time in our history as a denomination has the necessity for our people to be informed, in all departments of our work been so great as now. And realizing that this information must come largely through the religious press, we urge that our people take and read all the good literature possible. We especially recommend the Biblical Recorder, for the past sixty years the organ of our Convention, and which, during all these years, has been a faith-

ful exponent of Baptist principles and Baptist progress in North Carolina. We further recommend that the N. C. Baptist, the Home Field, the Foreign Mission Journal, Charity and Children and the Literature published at Nashville, as worthy the liberal patronage of our people.

Remarks were made by brethren Caddell, Peterson and Thomas.

The report was then adopted.

The time having arrived as previously arranged for preaching. Bro. Matheny delivered a very instructive sermon from Heb. vi, 1-6 inclusive. Subject. "Final Perseverance of the Saints."

Intermission for one hour.

1 p. m. Business resumed. The report on Education was again taken up and very ably discussed by brethren Beach, Caddell, Matheny, Spainhour, Thomas and White. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS:—We believe that the Sunday School is an Auxiliary of the Church and is indispensible to its growth and development. There are Churches in which Sabbath Schools are taught that are not in a prosperous condition, but such Schools are not as well attended by members of the Church as they should be. We would urge both pastors and people to put forth greater efforts in this important work.

The next session of the Sunday School Association will convene with Union Church on Friday before the fifth Sunday in March, 1895. It is important that all the Sunday Schools in the county co-operate

with this Association.

JOE POWELL, JR. Comm.

Report adopted and deferred to be discussed on Sunday morning in mass meeting.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE:—This, it seems to your committee, is one of the most worthy objects for which we can work. There are numbers of fatherless and motherless children who must be cared for or neglected, and as the future of both Church and State depends largely on the rising generation it is highly important that these children be educated and properly trained, in order that they may be a blessing rather than a curse. There is sufficient proof that the Baptist Orphanage, at Thomasville, is a place where children can receive this training, if we will only help the managers with our contributions and co-operation Therefore, brethren, let us contribute as liberally as we can for this object, and may the blessing of Heaven be upon it.

W. R. Beach, Com.

Remarks by brethren W. R. Beach, M. P. Matheny, C. C. Pool and W. R. Bradshaw, after which the report was adopted.

On motion the Moderator was instructed to appoint one brother or sister in each Church belonging to the Caldwell County Association to superintend the collection of means for the Thomasville Orphanage. The appointments will appear further on.

REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE:—Bro. E. D. Crisp to preach to-night. Bro. J. F. Crisp, conduct prayer meeting to-morrow morning. Bro. J. A. White to preach at 11 a. m.

On motion the body stands adjourned until 9 a.m. to-morrow morning for prayer meeting, 9:30 for business.

THIRD DAY.

Morning Session:—Read and corrected minutes of previous day. The invitation to visiting brethren was extended, and Bro. J. H. Mills, representing the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, and brethren J. A. White and W. J. Bumgarner, from Alexander County Association, accepted the invitation. On motion, the 11 o'clock sermon was dispensed with and Bro. Mills will address the people in behalf of the orphanage.

Report on Temperance.

The manufacture, sale, and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is one of the greatest evils with which we have to contend. We earnestly recommend that our people use all the legitimate means in their power to suppress the liquor traffic. We take pleasure in announcing to our people the organization of a State Temperance Association for the purpose of securing legislation looking to the suppression of the liquor traffic, and we urge the friends of temperance in our territory to write to Dr. D. Atkins, Greensboro N. C. for information, and organize a county temperance Association.

E. B. CRISP, Com.

Report on Home Missions.

Home Missions is that part of the work of the Southern Baptist Convention committed to the Home Mission Board of Atlanta Ga., and is a many sided work, deserving our most hearty and earnest sympathy and co-operation. We ought to have thorough information in reference to every department of this work. The question of the foreign element in our midst is becoming more and more a problem demanding solution. To this problem the Home Board is giving close attention. Already we have millions of these foreign born people among us, and the coming of large manufacturing interests into our midst, will bring still more. Shall we evangelize these people or shall they foreignize us? The colored brother is still with us in large numbers and is likely to be for generations to come. The people are coming to see that this problem is much more a moral than a political one. What shall be done with the 8,000,000 negroes of the South, is a question Baptists ought to face with greater heroism. The white population of the South, and especially the young men, are following the advice of Horace Greely, "Go west young man, go west," and so Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma are becoming populated with the "young blood" of the older States. Shall they have churches and pastors? That depends upon us, the Indians have peculiar claims upon us, and God is demonstrating in a wonderful way our duty and responsibility, on account of the Cubans. For this work the board had but little more than one hundred thousand dollars last year. They ought to have five hundred thousand this year.

M. P. Matheny, Com. H. C. Mackie,

Remarks by Bro. Matheny. Report was adopted.

Report of Executive Committee:

To the Caldwell County Association:—Brethren, We are glad to report the Baptist cause in this county in a very flourishing condition. Glorious revivals of religion are reported from all parts of the country. The pastors serving the churches have done faithful and efficient work, and the Lord is graciously blessing their labors. The County Sunday School Association at Rocky Springs in last April was a success and the reports show that good is being accomplished. We thank the Lord for the past and should take fresh courage, and go forward. Your committe has not had any means at hand wherewith to do Associational Mission work. We report only one dollar on hand brought over from last year, for colportage.

Resolved, That we instruct our Executive committee to employ pastors to supply destitute fields adjacent to their Churches, by afternoon appointments, and that they have a basis upon which to operate during the coming year. We ask the pastors and messengers to bring this question before their Churches, and notify the Treasurer of the Executive committee how much they will raise from their Churches during

this year for mission work in the bounds of this Association.

Resolved, 2nd, That we instruct them to ask the State board to add a like amount to aid in this work. Respectfully Submitted.

 $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{H. } \textit{C.} \text{ Mackie,} \\ \text{J. L. Beach,} \\ \text{Joe Powell, Jr.} \end{array} \right\} \textit{Comm.}$

Remarks by brethren Powell, Matheny, and Croom. Report was adopted.

The special time having arrived, Bro. Mills made some very interesting and explanatory remarks about the situation of the Orphanage, and especially the training of the orphan children, followed by a cash collection of \$17.59.

EVENING SESSION:—A resolution was offered in connection with the Executive Committee's report, previously adopted. Remarks on resolution by brethren Powell, Matheny and Croom. The resolution was adopted, and the same incorporated in the original report.

The Chair appointed the following Committees on the various objects to report and make the opening addresses at the next Association.

Standing Committees.

Comm. on Education: E. D. Crisp and H. G. Powell.

- " Periodicals: H. M. Croom and W. R. Beach.
 - " Sunday Schools: Joe Powell and J. B. Philips.
- " Orphanage: J. W. Shell and M. E. Thompson.
- " Temperance: J. L. Beach, and J. H. Johnson,
- " Home Missions: F. P. Coffey, and S. F. Estes.

- State Missions: I. W. Thomas and N. A. Laxton.
- Foreign Missions: I. Oxford and W. L. Greer.
- 46 Ministers Relief Board: W. H. H. Hartly and P. H. Pardue.
- Resolutions: J. C. Coffey, J. W. West and J. W. Shell.
- Nominations: J. F. Crisp, G. R. Clarke and V. Teague.
- Ministers Relief Board: L. J. Swanson, A. W. Laxton.

Executive Comm., to be elected by the body.

Report on State Missions:

We believe that Mission work has been the means of accomplishing untold good in all departments of Christian work in the bounds of our State. The State board has now over one hundred Missionaries and Colporteurs under its employ—preaching and distributing Bibles and religious literature. Now brethren we earnestly plead with the churches to pledge more this year than in any previous year, that the cause of Christ may not suffer. May we with our means and prayers take the State for Christ.

F. P. Coffey, Com.,

Remarks by brethren Coffey and Caddell. Report adopted.

Owing to a press for time, speeches during the remainder of the session will be limited thus; the first on each subject ten minutes, all others five.

Pledges taken for State Missions:

Conwavs Chapel	\$ 1.00
King's Creek	5.00
Lower Creek	5.00
Lenoir	
Love Lady	5.00
Mountain Grove	
Sardis	2.00
Yadkin	1.00
Total	\$26.00

Report of Ministers Relief Board:

In as much as we feel it to be our duty to care for our worn out In as much as we reel it to be our duty to tear for our warrants ministers, Resolved, That this Association request the pastors of the Churches to ask at least one contribution this year for the aid of our "Ministers Relief Board," located at Durham, N. C.

A. W. Laxton, Com.

L. J. Swanson,

Report was adopted.

The Chair appointed the following Brethren and Sisters of their respective Churches to take collections for the Orphanage during this Associational year:

Dudley Shoals, B. M. Saterwhite,	Lower Creek Miss Clara Powell
	King's Creek, W. L. Beach,
	Yadkin, J. B. Moore;
Union, No. 1. I. McCrary,	Green Valley, J. S. Franklin,
Bethany, Joshua Curtis,	Pisgah, J. F. Crisp,
John's River, J. C. L. Hays,	Mountain Grove, A. P. Lutz,
Mt. Zion, D. L. Miller,	Globe, F. P. Moore,
Sardis, W. H. H. Hartley,	Conways Chapel, T. H. Barber,
Greene Rock, Miss Sarah Hawkins,	
Blair's Fork, P. A. Sudderth,	Lovelady, R. H. McCall,
Flemming's Chap., Mrs. P.H. Pardue,	Mulberry, Robt. Edmisten,
Piney Grove, J. G. Melton,	Wilson's Creek, J. T. Hayes.
Union, No. 2. (col	.)Azor Moore.

Report of Finance Committee:

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Your Fin. Com. find in hand	\$ 42.12
State Missions	4.75
Home Missions.	2.00
Foreign Missions (Gospel Mission plan)	7.75 -
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Orphanage	3.50
Ministerial Education.	2.00
Associational Missions	
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Respectfully Submitted.

G. R. Clarke, H. C. Mackie, Com.

Report of Committee on time, place, and preacher for the next Association:

Time:—Thursday before third Sunday in October, 1895.

Place:—Lower Creek Church, two miles east of Lenoir.

Introductory Sermon:—By I. W. Thomas.

Comm.,

\$42.12

Report on Foreign Missions.

The command of our Lord, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" is given us today. "If ye love me keep my commandments." We must obey Him. He commands this because the Gospel is the ordained means for the salvation of the sinner. Anywhere "the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes" how can they believe in Him of whom they have not heard,

etc. If there was no visible results we should obey, but we are encouraged by the fact that "Less than fifty years ago China had only six native converts, now there are nearly 60,000. In 1892 there were more than 100,000 conversions in foreign mission fields, 2,000 every week in the year. Our missionaries of the 'Gospel Mission' twelve in number send us reports that they are greatly encouraged in their fields, meeting with more success than they expected. Others are offering themselves to go soon. Let us provide the means to the extent of our ability to support them. We are all able to do more than ever before. For the increase of the Baptist in the United States is at the rate of three hundred per day, and are building four churches per day. 176,977 persons were baptized last year. Let us go forward and take the land.

H. M. Croom. J. H. Nelson, Com.,

Remarks by Bro. Croom. Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Devotional Exercises:

Bro. J. T. Shell to preach tonight. Bro. J. A. White at 10 a. m. tomorrow. Bro. Matheny at 11 a. m. Mass meeting at 9 a. m. to be conducted by Rro. Caddell. Bro. C. C. Pool, to preach to-night at Mt. Zion M. E. Church.

Report on Obituaries.

Bro. John M. Frazier, a faitful and good brother, was born in Iredell Co. N. C., the 25th day of May 1817. Joined the Baptist Churc hat Little River, Alexander Co., in the year 1845, served several Churches as Deacon, lived a consistent and faithful member until death, which took place on the 21st day of May 1894. He being 77 years old liking four days. He bore his afflictions with Christian fortitude, and was ready, and willing to go to that "rest that remains for the people of God."

Rev. J. H. West was born June the first 1817. Joined the Church at Little River 1839 was ordained to the work of the Gospel Ministry in or about the year 1846. Died November 3rd, 1893, aged seventy-six years five months and two days. Bro. West was a firm and faithful advocate of the gospel, zealous and persevering in every good "word and work." The community lost a good citizen; the Church a good and faithful laboror; his wife a good and affectionate husband, and his children a kind father. He was called by the Master to "come up higher" while in the pulpit preaching from the text 1st. Tim., i, 9, and, like Bro. J. B. Powell, was called "child come home, thy work is done." "Write, blessed are the dead that die in the Lord. Yea, from henceforth saith the Spirit, for they shall rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

Bro. W. P. Mangum, an aged and good brother was born in Granville county N. C., was above 80 years old, and was a member of Dudley Shoal Church at his death.

Isaac Oxford, Historian.

Report of nominating Committee:

We, your Committee, recommend that the old board be reappointed to serve for the ensuing year. Report adopted.

Committee.

Report of the Treasurer of the Gospel Mission funds, for the Caldwell Co. Association. Received from the Churches \$139.55 the above amount forwarded. F. P. Moore, Treas.

On motion Bro. F. P. Moore was continued Treasurer of the Gospel Mission funds for the Caldwell Co. Association for the next year.

On motion the Constitution of this Association is amended to read thus, all ordained and Licentiated Ministers are members of this body ex-officio.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the members of King's Creek Church and citizens of this community, for their kind hospitality extended to us and visiting brethren, during this Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. H. West, Comm.

On motion this Association stands adjourned until Thursday before the third Sunday in October. 1895

J. V. McCall, Moderator.

A. E. Nelson, Secretary.

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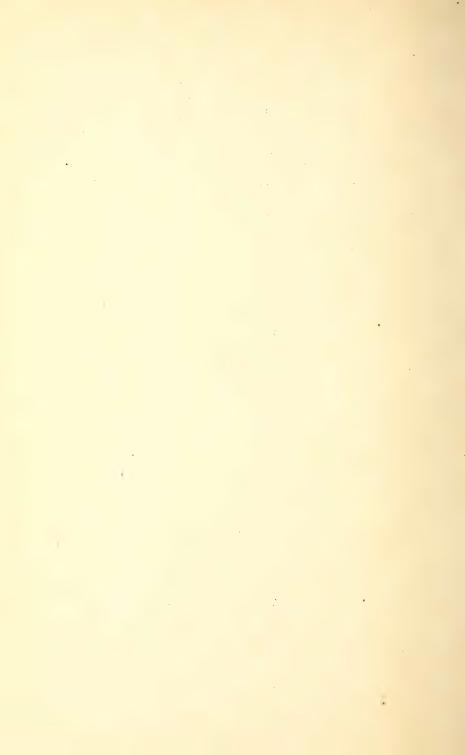
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OFFICERS.

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PROCEEDINGS

-OF THE-

CALDWELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

---OF---

NORTH CAROLINA.

Lower Creek Church, Oct. 17, 1895.

Annual sermon delivered by Rev. J. M. Shaver, from Malachi iii. 1.

Refreshments for one hour after which the Association convened, the Moderator read the 127 Psalm. Prayer led by Bro. F. P. Moore. The Moderator announced business in order. The delegates presented letters from various Churches. Brethren J. M Shell and W. R. Beach were appointed reading clerks. The body proceeded to elect officers, with Brethren J. L. Beach and J. C. L. Hays tellers. The body was permanently organized by reelecting J. V. McCall, Moderator, and A. E. Nelson, Secretary.

Delegates from the several Churches were enrolled as follows:

Bethany.—Joshua Curtis, W. A. McCall.

Blair's Fork.—W. S. Sudderth, R. H. Holsclaw, D. P. Presnell.

Conway's Chapel.—T. H. Barber.

Dudley Shoals.—Thos. Harris, B. Satterwhite.

Fleming's Chapel.—L. W. Anderson.

Granite Falls.—H. C. Mackie, J. I. McRary.

Green Rock.—J. H. Johnson, John McCloud.

Green Valley.—E. A. Tolbert.

Globe.—Amos Henley, F. P. Moore.

John's River.—J. C. L. Hays, Phillip Gragg.

King's Creek.—Smith Coffey, J. G. Kirby, J. L. Beach.

Lower Creek.—Van Teague, A. C. Sherrill, S. J. Stokes.

Rocky Springs.—M. G. Shearer.

Sardis.—J. S. Crump, A. P. Harris, J. L. Luty.

Union No. 1.—J. W. West, J. L. McCloud, E. McRary.

Union No. 2. (col.)—Azor Moore.

Wilson's Creek.—J. T. Hays.

Yadkin. - A. E. Nelson, J. B. Moore, C. W. Stout.

An invitation was given for newly constituted Churches. No response.

On motion the Moderator was empowered to invite correspondents and visiting brethren to seats in the body. Brethen J. M.

Shaver, from Alexander county Asso., and L. W. Farthing, from Three Forks Asso., responded.

On motion the Chair was authorized to appoint all standing Committees.

Committee on arrangements: V. Greer, J. L. Beach, J. H. Johnson, I. Oxford and F. P. Moore, with Moderator and Clerk.

Committee on Finance: G. R. Clarke, J. L. Beach and J. T. Hayes.

Committee on Devotion: Pastor, Deacons and Delegates of Lower Creek Church.

Committee on time place and preachers for the next session of this Association: J. T. Hayes, L. H. Carlton, T. H.Barber, W. .A McCall and J. W. West.

Report of Devotional Committee: Meet at 9 a. m. to-morrow morning. Spend one-half hour in Devotional exercise. Begin business at 9:30 a. m. Adjourn at 11 a. m., to hear a sermon by C. S. Cashwell, and resume business at 1 p. m., and adjourn at pleasure. Bro. H. M. Croom to conduct Devotional service to-morrow morning at 9 a. m. Report adopted.

On motion the body takes a recess until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY.

SECOND DAY, 9 A. M.—Prayer meeting conducted by Bro. H. M. Croom, after which the Chair announced business in order.

Report of Committee on Arrangements:

- 1. Call for Minutes of previous day.
- 2. Call on Correspondents to report.
- 3. Appoint Correspondents to Associations, State and Southern Baptist Conventions.
 - 4. Call on Committee on Temperance to report.
- 5. " " " State Miss. " " with the report of Executive Committee.
 - 6. Call on " on Sunday Schools to report.
 - 7. " " Home Miss. " "
 - 8. " " Time place etc. " "
 - 9. " " Finance " "
 - 10. Appoint Standing Committee.
 - 11. Call for report of Treasurer of Gospel Missions.
 - 12. " on Committee on Periodicals to report.

13. Call on Committee on Foreign Missions to report.

14. " " Education " "

15. " " " Orphanage " "

16. " " Historian " "

17. Appoint a Committee on Resolutions.

18. Call on Committee on Ministers Relief Board to report.

19. Appoint an Executive Committee.

20. Give instructions as to printing Minutes.

21. Call on Committee on Resolutions to report.

22. Hear answer to query from Bethany Church. Answer no.

23. Appoint a Committee to visit Bethany Church to investigate a letter of grievance.

Report adopted.

COMMITTEE.

On motion the 11th and 13th items of business were combined. The Moderator is authorized to take the items of business as they appear, unless otherwise ordered by the body, at this period the invitation is extended to visiting brethren. Brethren D. P. Bridges and C. S. Cashwell, from South Fork Asso., C. C. Pool and J. A. White, from Alexander county Asso., and J. L. Shin.

Correspondents appointed to sister Associations, State, and Southern Baptist Conventions:

I. W. Thomas to Catawba River Asso., I. Oxford, W. H. Carlton and W. R. Beach to Brushy Mountain Asso., F. P. Moore to Three Forks Asso., J. W. Shell to Alexander county Asso., J. V. McCall, Joseph Powell, Jr., I. W. Thomas to South Fork Asso., J. V. McCall, J. W. Shell and M. G. Shearer to State Convention, I. W. Thomas to Southern Baptist Convention.

Called on Correspondents to report. A number of brethren reported satisfactory.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

Temperance is a Christian grace, and should be cultivated. Intemperance is a grievous sin, and while much has been done in the past to pulling down of this evil, yet much remains to be done. We, therefore, advise that faithful preaching be done, prayers be offered and Church discipline be used along this line. Report adopted.

Remarks by Brethren J. H. Johnson and others.

from Catawba River Asso., accepted the invitation.

J. L. BEACH, J. H JOHNSON, Com.

The time having arrived for preaching business was suspended until 1 p. m.

Brother C. S. Cashwell delivered a very impressive sermon from Acts viii. 26-29 inclusive. Subject, "Obedience."

1 p. m. -Business resumed.

The Chair appointed Brethren I. Oxford, H. M. Croom and A. E. Nelson to visit Bothany Church and investigate the cause of a letter of grievance and report at the next Association.

Report on Education and State Missions combined. Report on Education.

The Bible teaches us to improve all the gifts with which a beneficent Creator has endowed us. As education improves all the conditions of mankind it is highly important that the rising generation should be trained with such an education as will make them useful citizens and good members of society. The facilities for education are such that all our young people are in reach of it if they will only take hold. Therefore, your Committee insists that all young facties and gentlemen, and especially young men preparing for the ministry, avail themselves of these opportunities. We would recommend as Baptist schools, King's Creek and Amherst Academies, with various other places to prepare for higher education. We recommend Taylorsville Collegiate Institute and Wake Forest College.

W. R. BEACH, H. G. POWELL, Com.

Report on State Missions.

Our meager contributions show that we are losing interest in State Missions. This should not be. State Mission work is the foundation of all other Missionary work. The Savior commanded His disciples to begin the Foreign Mission work at Jerusalem—at home and widen out into all the world. State Missions have multiplied our denominational strength in North Carolina more than one hundred per cent, in the last 168 years. Half if not more than half of our Churches in North Carolina have been organized through the efforts of our State Mission. As an Association we are indebted to this board—it having helped us at Granite Falls, Lenoir and Yadkin. We recommend the Churches to get into fullest sympathy and cooperation with State Missions. We further recommend that as an Association we do some State Mission work in the bounds of our Association next year, and would suggest to our Associational Executive Committe, some destitute points as follows: Mulberry, Mouth of Kings Creek and some point south of Hartland.

I. W. Thomas, Com.

Report adopted. Remarks by Brethren Joe Powell, Jr., I. W. Thomas and C. S. Cashwell.

The following resolution was offered in regard to State Missions:

Resolved, That we pledge to State Missions to be used in our own Association in connection with the State Mission Board and any amount not used in associational Missions be turned over to State Mission Board.

Resolution adopted. Pledges are taken for State Missions as follows:

Churches.	AMOUNT.
Blair's Fork,	\$ 1.00
Dudley Shoals,	3.00
Fleming's Chapel,	1.00
Globe,	10.00
Globe,	1.00
Kings Creek,	5.00
Lower Creek,	5.00
Lengir	10.00
Mountain Grove.	1.00
Piney Grove,	2.00
Sardis,	1.00
Union, No. 1,	3.00
Yadkin,	3.00
Rockey Springs,	3.00
Joshua Curtis	1.00
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J. H. Johnson, (Paid.)	50
Mrs. Mary McCall, "	50
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Report on Sunday Schools.

The glorious work of Sunday Schools march forward and we, as an Association, should manifest a deep interest as the years roll by. We can not afford to be uninterested while we believe that God is using it as a means of bringing the children to Himself. Let the Churches coperate more heartly with the Sunday School Association and all other means of advancing the glorious work. JOE POWEL, JR., Com.

Total,

Adopted, and discussion deferred until Sunday morning, 10 a.m.

Report of Committee on time, place and preacher for the next Association.

Your Committee respectfully submit the following report: Time, on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1896. Place, Conway's Chapel, ten miles east of Lenoir. I. W. Thomas to preach the Annual sermon; I. Oxford Alternate.

T. H. BARBER, L. H. CARLTON, W. A. McCall, J. T. Hays, J. W. West,

\$52.00

On motion Foreign Missions is made a special order for 10 a.m. to-morrow.

Standing Committees were appointed as follows: Com. on Education J. W. Laxton. W. L. Beach.

" Periodicals: M. G. Shearer, W. A. McCall.
" Sunday Schools: J. L. Beach, James Swanson.

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" Temperance: E. D. Crisp, M. E. Thompson.
" State Missions: H. M. Croom, I. Oxford.

" " Home Missions: G. R. Clarke, L. W. Anderson.
" " Foreign Missions: I. W. Thomas, F. P. Moore.

" " Ministers Relief Board: P. H. Pardue, J. Z. Griffin.

Committee on Devotion Report.

Bro. J. M. Shaver to preach to-night in Lower Creek Church. Bro. D. P. Bridges in Hibriten Academy. Bro. C. C. Pool to conduct prayer meeting to-morrow at 9, a. m. Bro. J. A. White to preach at 11, a. m. Report adopted.

On motion the reports on Foreign and Home Missions and report of Treasurer of Gospel Missions are combined. On motion the body takes a recess until 9:30, to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY.

Morning Session:—9:30 a. M. Business resumed. Visiting brethren were again invited. Brethren Δ. Johnson, representing the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, B. S. Peterson, the *North Carolina Baptist*, M. McCall, N. Braswell, from Catawba River Association, W. E. White, from Alexander county Association, cordially accepted the invitation.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

I. W. Thomas, F. P. Moore, J. L. Beach, Joe Powell, Jr., and J. B. Moore.

Report on Periodicals.

The Religious Press has a mighty influence. The Savior laid particular stress on the importance of unity among His people. We are commanded to provoke each other to good works. By means of the "Religious press," we are informed, encouraged and united in the Lord's work. We especially recommend the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, Our Missionary Helper. Charity and Children and the Mission Journal.

Report adopted. Remarks by Brethren Croom, Johnson,

Powell and Pool.

Reports on Home and Foreign Missions are to be jointly discussed. Report.

The world needs the Gospel. Without it the world is lost, and without hope and without God in the world. When the Lord left the world He did not take His people with Him because He had a work for them to do before He took them to be with Himself. He prayed for them that should believe on Him through their word. So His people were to preach the Gospel.

We are commanded to preach the Gospel to every creature. How have you, my brethren, obeyed this command? Our Home Mission board is trying to give the Gospel to our own people in the South who have it not, to the Negroes of the South, to the large number of Foreign population that is flowing into our Country, and to the island of Cuba. We are doing Foreign Mission work in China, Japan. Africa, Itily, Brazil and Mexico. There are now about 85 Churches with a membership of 3,490. About 600 of these were baptized last year. These facts and figures show that the Lord has been with us in this work, and we have great reason for being encouraged. The Nations are being opened more and more for the Gospel, and God is making the wrath of man even to praise Him. It seems that God has made it the specific duty of N. C. Baptists to educate and send out men and women to give the Gospel to the Nations. We have been greatly honored in this respect and should come up to the full measure of our privileges and duties in this great work. As your Committee recomended, we should make, during the coming year, an honest effort to raise on an average per member the small sum of fifty cents for this work. Respectfully submitted.

D. P. Bridges, / Com. I. Oxforb,

Report adopted.

Remarks by Brethren Bridges, Peterson and others.

On motion the Body takes a recess for one hour.

Evening Session, 1 p. m.—Report of treasurer of Gospel Miss. Amount raised for Gospel Missions during the last Associational year, \$155.01. The Same forwarded to Rev. W. E. Crocker. King's Creek Church, \$2.65. To be held for R. L. Patton.

Report adopted. F. P. Moore, Treasurer.

Bro. F. P. Moore is continued treasurer for the next year.

On motion the Chair was authorized to appoint one member: from each church composing the Caldwell County Baptist Association to try to carry out the spirit set forth in the reports on Home and Foreign Missions.

Bethany, Joshua Curtis, Blair's Fork, Mrs. P. A. Sudderth.

Conways Chapel, T. H. Barber. Dudley Shoals, J. W. Shell.

Granite Falls, P. S. Kiser. Floming's Chap'l, Mrs. P. H. Pardue,

Green Rock, J. H. Johnson. Globe, F. P. Moore.

King's Creek, C. M. Beach.

Lenoir, Mrs. M. J. Palmer.

Green Valley, E. A. Tolbert.

John's River, E. D. Crisp.

Lower Creek, Joe Powell, Jr.

Mulberry, J. M. Crisp.

Mount'n Grove, J. F. Coffey.

Sardis, W. H. H. Hartly.

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Wilson's Creek, J. L. Hayes.

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RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That we, as an Association, adopt the Taylorsville Collegiate Institute as our school for higher education.

Committee on Resolution to report at the next session of J. L. BEACH, Com.

this body.

Report of ministers Relief Board.

In as much as we feel it to be our duty to care for our work and

Ministers,

Resolved. That this Association request the pastors of the Churches to ask, at least, one contribution this year for the aid of our Ministers Relief Board, located at Durham, N. C.

On motion the Clerk is authorized to take Minute fund retaining five dollars for his service and use the remainder to defray the expenses of Minutes. Motion Adopted.

Report on Orphanage.

There are 115 children at this time at the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C. They are the children of the Baptists of N. C. The man who fails to provide for his family has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel. We ought, therefore, to help the children of our brethren and sisters whom the Lord in His wisdom has taken from among us.

J. W. SHELL, M. E. THOMPSON,

Adopted

On Motion Bro. A. Johnson will discuss the orphanage on Sunday morning 10 a. m.

On Motion the Chair appointed the following members to look after the interest of the Thomasville Orphanage.

Dudley Shoals, B. M. Satterwhite. Lenoir, J. K. Moose.

Granite Falls, P. G. Kiser.

Bethany, Joshua Curtis.

Sardis, A. Woods.

Green Rock, Miss Sarah Hawkins. Piny Grove, J. G. Melton.

Union No. 2. (col.) Azor Moore.

Lower Creek, Miss Clara Powell.

Fleming's Chapel, Mrs P. H. Pardue, Green Valley, J. S. Franklin.

Pisgah, J. A. Crisp.

Conway's Chapel, T. H. Barber.

Rocky Springs, M. G. Shearer.

Mulberry, Robt. Edmiston.

Union No. 1, E. P. McRary.

John's River, J. C. L. Haves.

Blair's Fork, P. A. Sudderth.

King's Creek, W. L. Beach.

Yadkin, J. B. Moore.

Mountain Grove, A. P. Lutz.

Globe, F. P. Moore.

Love Lady, W. P. Bumgarner. Wilson's Creek, J. T. Haves.

Cash collection is taken for the Thomasville Orphanage.
Amount \$13.61.

Report of Devotional Committee.

Bro. C. C. Pool to preach to-night at Hibriten Academy. Sunday, 10, a. m., Bro. A. Johnson will talk on the Thomasville Orphanage. 11, a. m., Bro. J. A. White will preach. 1, p. m. Bro. D. P. Bridges will preach.

Report Adopted.

Report of	Finance	Committee.
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Report of Finance Committee.
Home Missions
State " 6.74
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Minute fund, 18.55
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G. R. CLARKE,
J. L. BEACH,
J. T. HAYES,

Report of Executive Committee.

We, the Executive Committee, submit the following: At last session of this Association an effort was made to raise some funds with which to do Associational Mission work but the effort was fruitless. So we are unable to report any Mission work done by us. We would again urge the importance of the Association supplying the points mentioned in the report of State Missions. We would also recommend that the Association provide means by which the Executive Committee can help the colored Baptist at Lenoir. Our Financial Report is as follows:

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Respectfully submitted.	a a

J. V. McCall, M. G. Sheaer J. L. Beach, Joe Powell, Jr. Report of Historian.

Memmoir of Isaac Pender Oxford, who was born August 8th. 1873. He professed faith in Christ in 1890 and joined the church at Union. He was a consistent member until his death, which took place May 28, 1895, by the explosion of Teague & Killian's boiler, with three others sharing the same fate,—one a brother in the flesh, WM. Gorden Oxford, and William Jones, a member of said Church, and Edward Deal.

Isaac Pender Oxford was twenty-one years, nine months and twenty days old. He was a young man of more than ordinary qualities. The church and community lost a promising young man.

Isaac Oxford, Historian

Resolutions.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of Lower Creek Church for their kind hospitality towards the delegates and visiting brethren during this session.

J. W. West, Com.

On motion this Association stands adjourned until Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1896.

J. V. McCall, Moderator, A. E. Nelson, Secretary.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. V. McCall J. L. Beach Jos. Powell, Jr. F. P. Moore J. B. Moore

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Next session to be held with Piney Grove Church, on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1897. Rev. I. Oxford to preach the Annual Sermon alternate, J. T. Shell

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Next session to be held with Piney Grove Church, 10 miles northeast from Lenoir, N. C., on Thursday before 1st Sunday in September, 1897. Elder I. Oxford to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder J. T. Shell, Alternate.

COMPILED BY J. V. McCall, SECRETARY.

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Swanson, who report: Association to meet at 9.A. M. for prayer and praise, 9:30 A. M. for business, take a recess at 11:30 A.M. for sermon, re-convene at 1 P. M. for business and adjourn at will.

The chair appoints as committee of arrangements the following: I. Oxford, E. D. Crisp, J. H. Johnson, J. H. Nelson and J. L. Beach, with Moderator and Clerk.

Committee on Finance: Edgar A. Poe and W. L. Beach.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher: J. V. McCall, John Curtis and John W. Shell.

Devotional Committee report: W. F. Knight to preach tonight at 7 o'clock, J. B. Pool to-morrow at 11:30 A. M.

Committee appointed at last session of the association to visit Bethany church report:

Your committee met at said church on Saturday before the second Sunday in November, 1895, and was received by the church, and upon examination of the church records and information obtained from the parties concerned we have failed to find that the church treated Bro. T. C. Curtis wrongfully.

ISAAC OXFORD, H. M. CROOM, A. E. NELSON.

On motion the report is adopted.

On motion Bro. W. F. Knight, pastor, is requested to represent Mulberry church in the association.

Committee to investigate articles of faith of Winkler's Grove church report they have found the same correct, and on motion of Edgar A. Poe said church is admitted to membership in this association.

At 4:30 P. M. association adjourned till 9 A. M. to-morrow. Benediction by Eld. I. Oxford.

SECOND DAY.

Association meets persuant to its adjournmet. Praise servic conducted by Bro. J. H. Nelson. Association called to order by the moderator. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Committee on arrangements report, which is placed in the hands of the moderator for his guidance.

Visiting Brethren invited to seats. Report of correspondents to associations and State and Southern Baptist Conventions called for and the following report: W. R. Beach, from Stony Fork and Brushy Mt. I. W. Thomas from Catawba River; J. V. McCall and I. W. Thomas, from South Fork associations, and J. W. Shell from State Convention, and J. V. McCall, from Southern Baptist Convention.

Correspondents are appointed as follows: Catawba River, I. W. Thomas; Brushy Mountain, W. R. and J. J. Beach; Three Forks, E. D. Crisp and W. H. H. Hartley; Alexander County, I. W. Thomas. W. L. and J. J. Beach; South Fork, F. P. Moore; Baptist State Convention, I. Oxford. From the various churches: I. W. Thomas, J. L. Beach, E. D. Crisp, Edgar A. Poe, J. V. McCall, J. J. Beach and L. C. King.

Southern Baptist Convention: J. L. McLeod, delegate, I. Oxford,

alternate.

Committee on Temperance report as follows:

We believe that the liquor traffic is the blighting sin of this Nation—a curse to humanity—soul-damning in its nature. Therefore we recommend that every Christian citizen use his utmost influence to suppress this pernicious evii. Resp't.,

On motion to adopt, remarks are made by Breth E. D. Crisp, J. W. Shell, W. F. Knight, I. Oxford, C. E. Beaver and W. R. Beach. Report is adopted.

Special order having arrived association takes a recess for a sermon by Eld. J. B. Pool. Text, Hebrews 9:24. Prayer by Eld. E. A. Poe.

EVENING SESSION, Oct., 16 1896.—Association re-convenes at 1 P.M. for further business. Prayer by Bro. O. T. Smith.

Committee on State Mission report:

State Missions is foundation work. The idea of the Bible is, begin at home and then extend to the uttermost parts of the earth. Much has been done by the State Missions, yet much remains to be done. There is still destitution. Fields are opening and we (if we are 'Christ's) are commanded to preach the Gospel to every creature. We call the attention of the brethren who preach to the destitution in the bounds of our own Association and to this: "Go teach all nations." We notice other Associations are increasing their pledges to State Missions. Our Cord's last words were words of encouragement to his people. Let us do more for the spread of the Gospel next year. Jesus says "If ye love me keep my commandments. Our State Mission Board asks for \$15,000 this year. Let us help.

Remarks are made to this report by Brethren H. M. Croom and O. T. Smith, and pledges taken by J. V. McCall as follows: Bethany, \$1; King's Creek, \$1; Lower Creek, \$4; Mountain Grove, \$1; Sardis, \$3; Wilson's Creek, \$2; Mt. Zion, \$1. Total. \$22. All the other churches of this association agree to pay 5 cents per capita for State Missions by next association. Report adopted.

Report on Periodicals offered:

We recommend the Biblical Recorder as the organ of the Baptists of the State and the friend of our colleges and high schools. The North Carolina Baptist is strong for the Lord in the cause of Gospel Missions and Temperanee. The Southern Baptist is one of the ablest exponents of doctrine in the State. We recommend Charity and Children and the Missionary Helper. The Bible enjoins adding to our virtue knowledge, and our religious papers have been wonderfully blessed as a means in disseminating christian information. We urge our pastors to aid in circulating our Baptist papers.

W. A. McCALL.

Remarks by Brethren O. T. Smith, I. W. Thomas, J. B. Pool, J. W. Shell and I. Oxford. Report adopted.

Here Green Valley Church letter came in and delegates are seated. Committee on Sunday Schools report:

We note with pleasure the interest taken in Sunday School work. The Sunday School is one of the best means of teaching the Bible. Here the seeds of truth are sown that will ripen into fruit for heaven. We believe this to be a work in which all of God's people can engage, and urge the churches all to send a full delegation to next session of Caldwell county S. S. Association, to be held with King's Creek church. By so doing they will be better prepared for the noble work.

J. L. BEACH, J. R. SWANSON.

Pending motion to adopt remarks are made by Brethren J. L. Beach and J. W. Shell. Report adopted.

Committee on devotion report Bro. J. H. Nelson to preach at Conway's Chapel to-night, I. W. Thomas at Hartland Academy and J. B. Pool at Fleming's Chapel, and C. E. Beaver to conduct praise service 9 A. M. and E. F. Jones to preach at 11 A. M. to-morrow.

Committee on Time Place and Preacher report; Thursday before I'st Sunday in September 1896-Piney Grove Church-Elder I. Oxford with I T Shell, alternate.

On motion Breth. I. Oxford, J. W. Shell and J. L. Beach are appointed to visit Zack's Fork church and look into and report upon the orthodoxy of the same at the next session of the association.

Association takes a recess until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Benediction by Eld. J. H. Nelson.

THIRD DAY.

Morning Session, Oct., 17, 1896,—Association meets as per its recess. Minutes read and approved.

Visitors invited to seats with the association. Elds. E. F. Jones, J. S. Corpening, and R. L. Patton, and Breth. Jacob Barber, Sam'l Huffman and R. L. Mooie from Catawba River association report.

Standing committees as follows are appointed by the chair:

Education: W. R. Beach and B. B. Dougherty.

Periodicals: E. D. Crisp and J. R. Swanson.

Sunday Schools: James Laxton and W. S. Sudderth.

Orphanage: J. V. McCall and F. P. Coffey.

Temperance: J. H. Nelson and J. H. Johnson.

State Missions: Jos. Powell, Jr. and Maynard Beach.

Home Missions: J. W. Shell and P. H. Pardue.

Foreign Missions: J. J. Beach and J. F. Crisp.

Ministerial Relief Board: Edgar A. Poe and A. E. Nelson.

Executive Committee: J. V. McCall, F. P. Moore, J. L. Beach, Jos. Powell, Jr. and J. B. Moore.

On motion of E. D. Crisp speeches for to day are limited to ten minutes except the chairman and by permission of the body.

On motion of J. V. McCall Home and Foreign Missions, and Gospel Mission Treasurer's report are consolidated. The following are the reports:

HOME MISSIONS.—We believe the reason the Lord did not take His people to heaven when he went is that He had a peculiar work for each one to do. In the bounds of the Home Mission Board there are very many who know nothing of the way of salvation. We see here an open field for the best efforts of every Christian. We beg that our people give the pure gospel to the Indian and negro within our bounds, feeling that Jesus, as he promised His people once, is still praying for his followers. We urge the people to give of their means to send the gospel to these.

Respectfully, L. W. ANDERSON, C. A. ANDERSON.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—The first duty of Christians is to give the gospel to all the world. Hear the Savior: "Go teach all nations." "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." "If ye love me keep my commandments." Cheerful obedience to the above will show forth our love for Him. We cannot be loyal to Him if we fall in this. If we are disloyal can we be saved? We have 20 missionaries in the foreign field under the gospel mission plan and many more under appointment of the Foreign Mission Board, all doing their best to tell the heathen of Jesus. There are our brethren and sisters in Christ; and what we do for them Christ takes as done to himself. Let us be true to them and our Savior.

Very Respectfully, F. P. MOORE, I. W. THOMAS.

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F. P. MOORE, Treasurer.

Pending motion to adopt these consolidated reports remarks are made by Brethren R. L. Patton, J. B. Pool, O. T. Smith and I. W. Thomas. Reports adopted.

Here Union No. 2 and Mulberry church letters come in and delegates names enrolled as per foregoing list of churches.

Special order having arrived association takes recess to hear Elder E. F. Jones who preaches a very able sermon at the stand.

EVENING SESSION, Oct., 17, 1896.—Association re-convenes at 2 P. M. Committee on Finance report as follows:

Your committee has received the following amounts for objects stated:

Minute Fund, Gospel Mission State Mission Home Mission Orphanage	2.65	
By amount paid Joe Powell, Jr	Total	

At the suggestion of the clerk that there was not minute fund to secure the necessary number of minutes, \$5.90 cash and pledges are secured for that purpose.

A collection amounting to \$5.69 is taken for Lenoir Colored Baptist church.

Committee on Education report:

As God, for a wise purpose, has endowed us with physical, mental and moral faculties, it is our first duty to improve them. And as our future usefulness and happiness in a great measure depend on the proper training of these faculties in youth, your committee would urge upon our

brethren the necessity of utilizing all our present means of education. We insist that you must improve to the utmost extent all the advantages afforded by the public schools and such suitable preparatory schools as are in their reach. We recommend Globe, King's Creek, Amherst and Penelope Academies to the people of their respective sections. We especially urge you to patronize the Taylorsville Collegiate Institute, our own school for higher education.

Respectfully submitted, WALTER L. BEACH.

Remarks by W. L. Beach, J. B. Pool and R. L. Moore. Adopted Committee on Devotion report W. R. Beach to preach to-night at Conway, S Chapel, J. J. Beach at Fleming's Chapel. At the stand J. S. Corpening at 10, R. L. Patton at 11 A. M. and I, Oxford at 1 P. M. tomorrow.

Committee on Orphanage report:

There are about 140 children now at Thomasville dependent on the contributions of the Baptists of this State. The orphanage is under the management of Brother J. B. Boone and he should have our hearty co-operation and support. Let all the pastors inform their churches of their duties in this respect.

W. R. BEACH.

Remarks by W. R. Beach and report adopted. Executive Committee report:

Executive Committee report:

We, your Executive Cemmittee, have occupied three destitute places in the bounds of the association the past year. Brother I. W. Thomas has preached monthly at Mt, Bethel and Corpening school houses. At Mt. Bethel Brother Thomas held a meeting of days, in which six persons professed faith in Christ. At this point a church could be organized if it were desirable. Brother Thomas received for his services at Mt. Bethel 13. 35, 9.35 of which was paid by King's Creek church, and the remainder by neighborhood of Mt. Bethel. Bro. Thomas thinks the work ought to be self-sustaining at this point. At Corpening school house the congregations at the beginning of the year were good and a revival spirit manifest, but later measles broke out in the community and scattered the congregation, which was never as good afterwards. Brother Thomas does not recommend a continuation of the work there unless we could get a better location. Your committee agreed to give Brother Thomas 25.00 for monthly preaching at this point, and we have been able to pay him 20.70, leaving a balance due him of 4.30. We employed Bro. J. H. Nelson to preach once a month on Mulberry, near Risden, agreeing to give him 15.00. We have been able to pay him 12.85, leaving a balance due him of 2.15 Brother Nelson has faithfully discharged his duties at this point, but he does not think the work sufficiently encouraging to be continued. Application has been made for help next year at three points: Old Mulberry church and Poovey and Brushy Mountain school houses. Your committee has helped the colored Baptist church at Lenoir to the amount of 18.40, leaving a balance of 5.60 on their personal note now due at the Bank of Lenoir. This amount we earnestly ask the association to raise at its present session. This work is encouraging and deserves our sympathy. They have a good pastor and since last April have procured a lot and built a neat and comfortable house, which they are using. The churches last year pledged for association missions 5

Committee on Minister's Relief report as follws:

Your committee is aware of the fact that there are old brethren throughout the State who have given their lives to the preaching of the gospel and are now dependent on our contribution; therefore we request that each pastor take one collection this year for this object, P. H. PARDUE.

Historian reports following Obituaries:

Bro. Edmund Tilley was born in 1807; died Dec. 1895, 88 years of age. He was ordained by Liberty church (now extinct) in what year I cannot say. Bro. Tilley was pastor of Liberty, King.s Creek, Lower Creek, Yadkin, Lower Fork, Sardis and Dover churches. He did his work, lived to a ripe old age and has gone to his reward.

"Right blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth, yea sayeth the spirit, for they shall rest from their labors and their works do follow them.,"

Bro. Marcus Barnett was born in 1818 and died in 1856, age 78. He was a consistent member of King's Creek church for a number of years.

I. OXFORD, Church Historian.

Clerk is instructed to reserve \$6.00 of fund in hand for his services and invest the remainder in binding a volume of minutes as prescribed by the by-laws of this association and for minutes of this session.

Query from Union No. 1:

If a member of the church is guilty of Larceny or Perjury and, seeing no way to screen himself comes and confesses to the church, saying he believes the Lord has forgiven him and asks the church to forgive him, what is the duty of the church? Answer of committee: We think the church should exclude.

On motion of J. V. McCall the collection of to-morrow 11 A. M. to be divided equally between State Missions and Orphanage.

The association adjourns to time and place of next meeting.

I. W. Thomas, Moderator.

J. V. McCall, Clerk.

SUNDAY SESSION.

Early in the morning delegates and visitors in large numbers gather at the stand where we are treated to a fine sermon at 10 A. M. by Eld. J. S. Corpening, followed at 11 A. M. by Eld. R. L. Patton in his inimitable style from Job 14: 14- "If a man die shall he live again?" — a masterly effort, strong and convincing.

A collection amounting to \$8.12 is taken for State Missions and Orphanage. At 1 P. M. Eld. Isaac Oxford preaches in his tenderest strain on the invitation "Come." – a good sermon.

J. V. McCall, Clerk.

The Constitution, By-Laws and Abstract of Principles of the Caldwell County Baptist Association.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the Caldwell County Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches—each church being entitled to three delegates and all regular ordained ministers as members ex officio.

2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's

Kingdom in the hearts of men.

3. The delegates thus selected shall bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

4. The Association thus formed shall choose by ballot a Mcderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall continue in office for one year and until others are chosen. The last two offices may be held by the same individual.

5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business, to keep order during each session, to decide questions of order subject to an appeal of the House by any member, and to perform all

other duties pertaining to his office.

6. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a faithful and correct record of all the proceedings of each session of the Association and keep a file of printed minutes of the Association and every ten years have them bound in book form for the use of the Association, and to perform such other duties assigned him by the Association.

7. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep a correct record of all the funds coming into his hands, and to report the same at the order

of the Association.

8. There shall be a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of five

memoers, besides the moderator and clerk.

9. All letters of grievances and queries, together with all letters from corresponding Associations requiring any attention thereon shall be submitted to the Committee of Arrangements and reported back to the Association.

10. This body shall have no coercive power to exercise Lord-ship over God's Heritage, but shall only be an advisory council in all mat-

ters respecting the internal regulations of the churches.

against another; or where a series of difficulties may have arisen in an individual church, it shall be the duty of the Association, after due labors have been had between the offending and offended churches or an individual church as the case may be to take the matter into considertion and advise upon it.

12. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve gospel order among their members, nor any of her churches and ministers that treat her constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her

influence such as promote gospel principles and order.

13 It shall be the province of this association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats who shall be entitled to speak on any

point under discussion, but not to vote.

14 The association shall in all matters, except cases pertaining to the constitution, be governed by a majority of the members present and shall not adjourn until they have gone through the business of the association, except in extraordinary cases.

15 Each church having an ordained or a licenced minister shall report the same to the association in order that they may appear as such

in the minutes.

16. The association shall furnish the churches with minutes of her proceedings and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

- 17. The association shall have a fund created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches which shall be held by the treasurer subject to the disposition of a majority of the association present at any annual session.
- 18. The association shall hold an annual session at such time and place as the body may from time to time designate.

19 By appointment of the association there may be an introductory a missionary and a denomination sermon preached at each annual session.

20. This may be altered or amended at any time, two thirds of the members present concurring.

BY-LAWS.

1. At each assembling of the associatron for the transaction of business, the moderator shall invite members to order; then the association

shall be opened with praise and prayer.

- 2. When the moderator takes his chair, each member of the association shall take his seat, and minutes of preceeding day shall be read, the minutes of the last day of any session, however, may be read at the close of the session.
- 3. The moderator may speak to points of order in preference to other members; and, on points of order, no member shall speak more than once without leave of the body.

4. The moderator shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.

5. All committees shall be appointed by the moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the body

6. He shall have general direction of the house; and may name

any member of the body to perform the duties of the chair.

7. When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the association, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the moderator, and confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personalities, if two or more members rise at the same time the moderator shall name the brother to speak first. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the body.

8. While the moderator is addressing the association or putting any question no member shall speak, stand, walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking entertain privete discourse, stand up or

pass between him and the chair.

9. After a motion is stated by the moderator or read by the clerk it shall be deemed in the possession of the body, but may be withdrawn before a decision or amendment.

10. All papers addressed to the association shall be presented by

the moderator.

11. No member shall absent himself from the association without

leave of the body.

12. If any brother, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the association, the moderator shall, or any other member may, call him to order, in which case the brother so called to order, shall at once conform to the rules or take his seat.

13. In all elections the moderator may vote; in other cases he shall

not vote, unless the association be equally divided.

14. These rules or by-laws may be altered or amended by a majority of the members at any session of the association concurring.

ABSTRACTS OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are three persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost and that these three are one.

2. We believe that the Bible-the Old and New Testaments is -- the

Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the impotency of man and the sovereignty of God.

4. We believe that salvation is by Grace, through Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ, to be practiced only by believers in their

scriptural order.

6. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator, and that only those thus baptised and are in fellowship with the Church in feeling and doctrine, should take the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints in Grace to

Glory.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general Judgment.

9. We believe that the existence of the righteous and of the wicked will both be of eternal duratiou, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Association convenes September 2d, 1897, with Piney Grove Baptist Church, and the Annual Sermon is delivered by Elder I. Oxford from Nehemiah 6: 3— a very able sermon and, from a denominational standpoint, very instructive.

After an intermission of one hour, the Association is called to order by Elder I. W. Thomas, Moderator

of last session.

Brethren W. R. Beach and J. R. Swanson read the letters from the churches, and delegates were enrolled as follows:

Piney Grove—I. H. Carlton, J. G. Melton and J. B. Barlow. Green Rock—C. H. Hawkins, T. C. Coffey and A. E. Johnson. Union No. 1—J. W. West, M. A. West and W. F. McRary. Lenoir—J. K. Moose, M. C. Jordan and G. R. Clark. Lower Creek—Smith Barlow, S. L. Austin and J. R. Swanson. King's Creek—J. L. Laxton, P. Barlow and H. M. Beach. Union No. 2—Andy Corpening.

Sardis—M. J. Cloer, Theo. Annas and W. H. H. Hartley. Mt. Zion—J. A. Turnmire, Pink Turnmire and Jno. W. Helton. Globe—A. M. Mast, Patterson Moore and Horace Coffey. Mulberry—Joel M. Crisp and John R. P. nan. Wilson's Creek—J. H. Estes. J. B. Hayes and E. G. Pendley. Lovelady—J. H. Holsclaw and David Mull. Bethuny—Joshua Curtis and J. W. Curtis. Fleming's Chapel—C. A. Anderson and P. H. Pardue. Yadkin—A. E. Nelson, T. A. Moore and E. H. Greer. Granite Falls—J. D. Berry. John's River—J. C. L. Hayes. Blair's Fork—Isaac Palmer, Joe Fox and W. S. Sudderth. Rocky Springs—A. F. Estes. Green Valley—M. C. Estes. Winkler's Grove—John Martin and N. W. Helton. Conway's Chapel—D. G. Barber and J. M. Braswell. Dudley Shoals—Represented by letter.

Whereupon the Association goes into permanent organization, brethren J. J. Beach and Dr. John Mitchell being requested by the chair to act as tellers, resulting in selecting Elder E. D. Crisp, Moderator, and J. V. McCall, Secretary and Treasurer.

An invitation is here given to seats with the body

without response.

On motion of brother I. W. Thomas, the chair is authorized to extend an invitation to all visiting brethren and correspondents to seats with the Association.

Brethren C. E. Beaver, South Fork; J. J. Beach, Alexander County; I. C. Miller, Stony Fork, and Dr. John Mitchell, Central Association, accept and are welcomed to seats.

The chair, on motion of brother Thomas, is authorized to appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.

Chair appoints Pastor and Delegates of Piney Grove Church and Bro. I. W. Thomas, a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Also, the following:

Arrangements-I. Oxford, I. W. Thomas, M. C. Jordan, W. R. Beach and P. H. Pardue, with Moderator and Clerk and corresponding brethren.

Finance—A. E. Nelson and J. W. West.

Time, Place and Preacher—J. K. Moose, J. W. West, W. S. Sudderth, W. H. H. Hartley, C. A. Anderson, J. H. Nelson and Joshua Curtis.

On motion of W. R. Beach, the Association is to meet at 9 o'clock A. M. for prayer, 9:30 for business session, stop at 11 o'clock for a sermon, meet at 1 o'clock P. M. for business, and adjourn at will.

On motion, 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow is made special order for the consideration of the report on

Education.

Committee on Devotion report:

C. E. Beaver to preach this evening at church at 8 P. M.; W. R. Beach to conduct praise service and Dr. Mitchell to preach at 11 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Association adjourned. Benediction by Dr. Mitchell.

SECOND DAY-Morning Session.

At 9 o'clock the Association convenes. Minutes

read and approved.

. Invitation to seats accepted by brethren E. F. Tatum, China; J. C. Caddell, of the Biblical Recorder, and A. Johnson, of Charity and Children.

Committee on Arrangements report, which is

adopted.

Chair calls for correspondents to sister Associations to report, with the following responses: I. W. Thomas from Three Forks Association, and I. Oxford from the Baptist State and Southern Baptist Conventions.

Chair appoints correspondents to other Associations as follows:

Alexander County—I. W. Thomas, J. L. Beach and W. R. Beach. Brushy Mountain—W. R. Beach and J. G. Melton. Three Forks—W. R. Beach and A. E. Nelson. South Fork—J. V. McCall. Catawba River—W. H. H. Hartley. Stony Fork—E. D. Crisp.

Baplist State Convention—I. W. Thomas, J. V. McCall and Joe Powell; and from Globe church, F. P. Moore, P. Moore, Job F. Cook and S. F. Estes.

Southern Baptist Convention--- C. M. Beach.

On motion, J. V. McCall is elected to represent this Association as a member of the State Board of Missions.

Committee appointed at last Association to visit Zack's Fork church report as follows:

The church heard our errand, and promptly answered that they had already made every necessary preparation to join the Silver Creek Primitive Baptist Association; that they were ready to grant letters to any of their members who were dissatisfied with their action. Signed by I. Oxford and J. L. Beach, Committee.

On motion, report is adopted and said church is dropped from our list of churches.

Committee on Ministerial Relief report:

There are a number of worthy but aged and infirm Baptist preachers in our State that appeal to us for sympathy and assistance. We ought to help these old brethren. They have worn themselves out in the service of our common Lord, and we must help them. Blessed is he that considereth the poor.

A. E. Nelson, Com.

On motion to adopt, remarks are made by I. W.

Thomas and J. C. Caddell. Report adopted.

Following are pledges taken for Ministerial Relief, payable at or before the next meeting of this Association:

Dudley Shoals	\$1 00	Mulberry	
Granite Falls	1 00	Piney Grove	1 00
Green Valley	1 00	Rocky Springs	1 00
Globe	5 00	Sardis	I 00
John's River	75	Wilson's Creek	1.00
King's Creek	2 00	Yadkin	1 00
Lovelady			
Lower Creek			\$20 25
Lenoir	2 00		

Pastors all pledge themselves to lay the matter before their churches.

Special order having arrived, Committee on Education report:

We, your Committee on Education, want to impress, if possible, upon the minds of the brethren the importance of educating their children. We have many advantages against which others have had to contend. We would urge the brethren to educate their children in order to prepare them for their work and the stern realities of life. We would recommend Wake Forest College and Taylorsville Collegiate Institute for higher education, and would especially urge our young ministers to prepare themselves for the work to which they have been called.

W. R. Beach, Com.

Remarks are made by Dr. Mitchell and pledges taken:

Dudley Shoals	\$ I 00	Piney Grove
Bethany	 1 00	Rocky Springs 1 00
Granite Falls	 1 00	Sardis 1 00
Green Rock (paid)	 25	Winkler's Grove 1 00
Green Valley	 1 00	Yadkin 1 00
Globe	 5 00	
King's Creek	 1 00	Total
Lenoir	 2 00	

At this point the Association takes a recess till 1 o'clock, to hear a sermon by Dr. Mitchell. Subject: The prayer of Jesus for his people. John 17: 9.

This was a rare intellectual treat, attended by a very sensible demonstration of the Holy Spirit. Following was a cash collection for Ministerial Education.

SECOND DAY—Evening Session.

Association called to order. Invitation to seats accepted by brethren J. A. White, J. B. Pool and W. E. White, of the Alexander County Association.

Chair, on motion, appoints brother A. F. Estes additional on Committee on Time, Place and Preacher.

Cnair appoints the following Committee on Pastoral Support: I. Oxford, P. H. Pardue and J. C. L. Hayes. And on Resolutions: I. W. Thomas, A. E. Nelson

and W. R. Beach.

Here the discussion of report on Education is resumed. Remarks by brethren J. A. White, J. B. Pool, W. E. White and E, F. Tatum. Report adopted.

Committee on Periodicals report:

We recommend our denominational papers, the Biblical Recorder, N. C. Baptist, Southern baptist, Charity and Children and Foreign Mission Journal as worthy the support of our people, that we may learn more about our great work as a denomination.

Respectfully, J. R. SWANSON,

Committee.

Remarks by J. C. Caddell, A. Johnson, Joe Powell

and E. F. Tatum. Adopted.

Executive Committee, on motion, allowed time to report, as also the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher.

Committee on State Missions report:

Great is the obligation resting upon us as Baptists to supply the destitution within our own State with the Gospel. This must be done before we can have the greatest success beyond. The Lord has greatly blessed the work of State Missions. But still much remains to be done. Let us undertake greater things for God, and expect greater things from him.

JOE POWELL, JR., Com. Respectfully submitted,

Motion for adoption and discussion deferred. The following are special orders for to-morrow:

State Missions to be discussed at 9:30 A. M. Home and Foreign Missions at 10:30

Devotional Committee report W. R. Beach to paeach to-night; J. B. Pool to conduct praise service at 9 A. M., and J. A. White to preach at 11 A. M. to-morrow.

Report on Sunday-schools postponed till to-morrow. Association adjourned. Prayer by brother E. F. Tatum.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Association called to order. Minutes read and approved.

Delegates from Conway's Chapel come in and are

duly enrolled.

Special order having arrived, the report on State Missions is discussed by brethren J. C. Caddell and I. W. Thomas. Following are some pledges for State Missions, payable at or before the next meeting of this Association:

Bethany	\$ 1 00	Lovelady \$ 1 00
Blair's Fork		Lenoir 5 00
Conway's Chapel	1 00	Mulberry 1 00
Dudley's Shoals	1 00	Piney Grove 1 00
Fleming's Chapel		Rocky Springs 1 00
Granite Falls		Sardis 1 00
Green Rock (paid)	50	Winkler's Grove 1 00
Green Valley		Union No. 1 2 00
Globe	1 00	Yadkin
John's River	1 00	
King's Creek	3 00	Total\$27 50

Committee on Orphanage report:

The Orphanage is just entering upon a wider field of usefulness than ever before in its history. A large and convenient building has just been completed at a cost of six theusand dollars, that will increase the capacity of the institution to 200 children. Heretofore there has been room for only 125. There is still a small debt hanging over the central building which must be liquidated, or the regular work of the institution will be seriously hampered. There are now 160 children at the Orphanage, and the probability is that by the beginning of the new year there will be 200 there. In view of the increased expenses of running the institution, we earnestly urge our churches to enlarge their contributions during the coming year. From 40 to 60 more children must be fed and clothed than ever before; and somebody must give more than they have given in the past. Why should we not shoulder our share of the burden? We believe that every church that heeds the cry of the fatherless will be stronger for the help they give. We recommend that our Sundayschools send a monthly collection, and that our churches enlarge their pledges.

J. V. McCall, Com.

On motion to adopt, remarks are made by brethren A. Johnson and I. W. Thomas, and churches pledged as follows:

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Bethany\$	2 00	Mulberry S. School\$ 1 00
Conway's Chapel	1 00	Piney Grove 1 00
Granite Falls	2 00	Sardis 2 00
Globe	5 00	Winkler's Grove 1 00
John's River	1 00	Yadkin 5 00
King's Creek	5 00	
		Total\$37 00
Lenoir		

Report adopted.

On motion, the reports on Home and Foreign Missions are consolidated. Following are reports:

HÖME MISSIONS.

This department of our work has for its object the giving of the Gospel to the destitute sections in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention and to the Island of Cuba. This Board is clear of debt, and the labor of our missionaries has been greatly blessed. We have 376 missionaries working among the Indian, the negroes the foreign, population and our own native white people. These men are laboring under great disadvantages, and for the most part on very small salaries. There is yet much territory unoccupied, and many who are anxious to have the Gospel preached to them. Let each church for the coming year attempt more than ever before to aid in this work.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Erethren, the world is lying in wickedness. Only about one-ninth of the population of the world profess the protestant religion, and Christ it seems has pointed out to the Southern Baptists to give them the true Gospel. The Holy Spirit is directing his people. Let us follow our guide, and give earth's perishing millions the peace that comes through the good tidings of salvation. The most precious promise that Christ ever made to his people was preceded by the greatest command. The promise was, "Lo. I am with you alway, even to the end of the world." The command is to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel." If the promise is to all, so is the command: and it therefore becomes the duty of every Christian to help in this noble work. Our reason for doing this should be that our Savior has commanded it.

J. J. BEACH, Com.

Motion to adopt consolidated reports and remarks by brother E. F. Tatum. Report adopted.

THIRD DAY-EVENING SESSION.

Invitation to seats accepted by brother J. M. Shaver, of Alexander County Association.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher report Rocky Springs Church as the place, Thursday before the 2d Sunday in October, 1898, as the time, and Elder S. D. Heffner as the preacher, with Elder W. R. Beach as alternate.

Motion to substitute Thursday before the 1st Sunday in September as the time, was carried by vote of the body.

Committee on Sunday-schools report:

We note with pleasure the interest taken in the Sunday-school. It is one of the best means of teaching the Bible. Here the seed is sown that will ripen into fruit for heaven. We believe this to be a work in which all God's people can engage. We urge a better attendance on the part of the older members of the church.

W. S. SUDDERTH, Com.

On motion to adopt, the discussion is continued until to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock. Adopted. Committee on Temperance report:

Temperance is a Christian grace that should shine as an ornament in the life of every Christian. Intemperance is a great blight on all our institutions—political, social and religious. It has been truthfully said that intoxicating liquors destroy more lives than wars, pestilence and famine. When we look at our prisons and see them filled with felons, and our alms-houses and see them filled with orphans and paupers, we ask what does all this mean? And when we look at families, once prosperous and happy, brought to degradation and ruin, we ask why is this? Probably 9 cases in 10, the answer would be, Intemperance.

If we could look beyond the boundary line of time and see those who are in the regions of eternal despair from its use, it seems it would be almost enough to make our hearts sink within us, and cause us to make greater efforts, than ever before, to crush this deadly evil. Brethren, let us re-affirm our antagonism to the liquor traffic. We recommend intelligent, concerted and persistent and

heroic efforts to save the people from its terrible woes.

Respectfully,

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J. H. NELSON, J. H. JOHNSON, Committee

On motion for adoption, remarks are made by brethren I. C. Miller, J. H. Johnson and I. Oxford, and the report is adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That this Association discard the titles of D. D., L.L. D. and Rev., as is now applied to our ministers.

W. R. BEACH, Com.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are

hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their generous hospitality to the delegates and visitors during the entire session of this Association.

A. E. Nelson.

Executive Committee report:

At our meeting on Dec. 28th, 1896, we agreed on the following appropriations, to be made out of the funds pledged at last Association for Associational Missions:

Brushy Mountain			
per month			\$1 00
Mulberry church	W. F. Knight, I	Missionary, per	month 1 00
Mt. Bethel S. H.,	I. W. Thomas,	Missionary, per	month 1 00

Brother Thomas has been paid \$5.50; Bro. Knight, 7.35; Bro. Beach, 9.15. Respectfully, COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, Brother W. H. Whitsitt, President of our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has proven himself unworthy the great and responsible position he holds, by writing certain articles damaging to Baptist history and progress, viz., that Baptists did not practice immersion for baptism prior to 1641, and published those articles from a pedo-baptist standpoint, in a pedo-baptist newspaper (the New York Independent), and published said articles as editorials, thereby keeping his name concealed from his denomination, and having acted treacherously towards those who loved and trusted him:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Caldwell County Baptist Association that Bro. Whitsitt ought to resign his position as President of our Seminary, and that we hereby ask the trustees of our Seminary to demand his speedy resignation. I. W. THOMAS.

Devotional Committee report:

Brethren E. D. Crisp to preach to-night at 8 P. M., C. M. Beach to conduct S. S. mass-meeting at 9:30 A. M., E. F. Tatum to preach at 10:30 A. M., and J. J. Beach at 11:30 A. M. to-morrow.

At this point pledges are taken for Foreign Missions as follows:

Blair's Fork	2 00	King's Creek	5 00
Conway's Chapel	1 00	Lenoir	5 00
Fleming's Chapel	1.00°	Mulberry	1 00
Granite Falls	1 00	Rocky Springs	35 00
Green Rock, for W. E.		Yadkin	1 00
Crocker (paid)	50	-	
Globe			3152 50

Brother F. P. Moore, Treasurer Gospel Mission for this Association, reports having received and disbursed to Bro. W. E. Crocker \$151.83 since last Association.

Report received.

The chair appoints the following standing committees:

Education—I. W. Thomas, C. M. Beach. Periodicals—W. R. Beach, Joe Powell. Sunday Schools-J. B. Moore, J. F. Crisp. Orphanage—F. P. Moore, I. A. Coffey, Temperance—J. L. Beach, J. B. Moore, State Missions—J. V. McCall, A. M. Mast. Home Missions—J. H. Johnson, J. R. Swanson. Foreign Missions-P. H. Pardue, G. R. Clarke. Ministerial Relief-J. H. Nelson, F. P. Coffey. Executive Committee-W. F. F. Palmer, F. P. Moore, J. L. Beach, Joe Powell and J. B. Moore. Pastoral Support—I. Oxford, I. W. Thomas. TREASURER'S REPORT. 1897. Treasurer last Association.... 1 26 5th. Cash collection at Association. Total,.... CR. Sept. 4th. 66 Paid F. P. Moore, Treas. Gospel Miss... 10 75 J. D. Boushall, Treas. Bap. Con.. 10 62 \$36 37 By amount in hands of Sec. for Min., etc. 18 86

J. V. McCall, Sec. and Treas.

Your Association Historian begs leave to report that God in his mercy has preserved many of us through another Associational year, and has blessed us with bountiful crops. He has blessed the preaching of his word to the salvation of many souls, and is still building up his spiritual kingdom, for which we feel very thankful. We should be encouraged to do more for him who is doing so much for us.

Respectfully,

I. OXFORD, Com.

Committee on Pastoral Support report:

Your committee beg leave to report that the word of God is so plain that they that run may read. Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn; for God has ordained that they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel. And the minister should not entangle himself with things of this world, but give himself wholly and entirely to the work of the ministry.

Respectfully,

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P. H. PARDUE,
J. C. L. HAYES,
Committee.

 On motion to adopt, remarks are made by brethren I. Oxford, Thomas, Johnson and Miller. Adopted.

It is ordered that the Clerk shall have the sum of \$6.00 for his services in making out Minutes, etc.

On motion, the cash collection to-morrow is to be

used for State Missions.

. Association adjourns by singing "How firm a foundation," etc. Prayer by Bro. E. F. Tatum.
E. D. CRISP, MODERATOR.

J. V. McCall, Secretary.

SUNDAY SESSION.

Very early Sunday morning large crowds begin coming in so, that by 10 A. M. the house was filled to hear the Sunday-school report discussed by the leader, C. M. Beach, and others.

At 10:30 Bro. Tatum preaches an able sermon, and at 11:30 Bro. J. J. Beach, a sermon that was very

much enjoyed by all.

A collection amounting to \$6.87 is taken for State Missions.

J. C. McCall, Clerk.

it shall be deemed in the possession of the body, but may be withdrawn before a decision or amendment.

10. All papers addressed to the Association shall be presented by

the Moderator.

11. No member shall absent himself from the Association without

leave of the body.

12. If any brother, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Association, the Moderator shall, or any other member may, call him to örder, in which case the brother so called to order, shall at once conform to the rules or take his seat.

13. In all elections the Moderator may vote; in other cases he

shall not vote, unless the Association be equally divided.

14. These rules or by-laws may be altered or amended by a majority of the members at any session of the Association concurring.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are three persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

2. We believe that the Bible-the Old and New Testaments-is the

Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the impotency of man and the sovereignty of God.
4. We believe that salvation is by Grace, through Faith in our

Lord Jesus Christ.

5. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ to be practiced only by believers in their scriptural order.

6. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator, and that only those thus baptized and are in fellowship with the Church in feeling and doctrine should take the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints in Grace to

Glory.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general Judgment.

9. We believe that the existence of the righteous and of the wicked will both be of eternal duration, and the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

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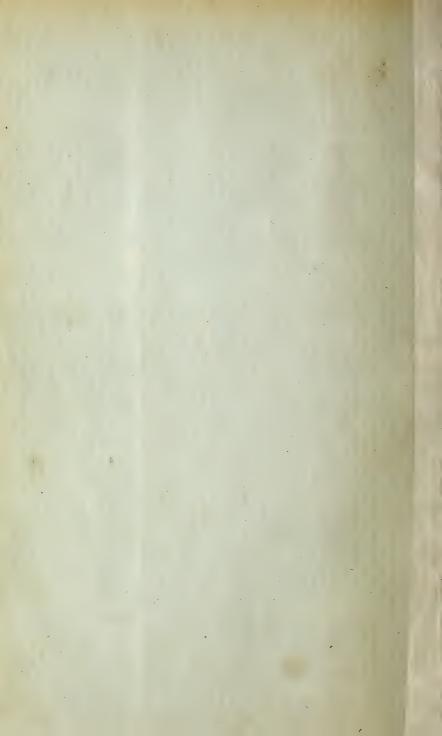
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PROCEEDINGS

-- OF THE-

CALDWELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The Association convenes Sept. 1st, 1898, with Bocky Springs Baptist Church, Annual Sermon being delivered by Elder S. D. Heffner from Mark 14, 6-9.

After an intermission of 45 minutes, Association is called to order by Eld. E. D. Crisp, Moderator of last session.

Before proceeding further, upon invitation Brother Jno. E. White, Cor. Sec'y State Mission Board, and J. C. Caddell, of the Biblical Recorder, address the body on State Missions, which is followed by cash collection, \$4.16.

Brethren W. L. Beach and I. R. Swanson are requested and read letters from churches which, with their delegations, are as follows:

Bethany-W. A. McCall.

Blair's Fork-D, P Presnell,

Conway's Chapel-Robt. Branch, E. Hudspeth, Hampton Lackey and E. Clarke.

Dudley Shoals-Nimrod Dyson and J. H. Jones, Jr.

Fleming's Chapel-J. N. Mabe and J. R. McCall.

Granite Falls-By letter.

Green Rock-J. H, Johnson.

Greene Valley-E. L. Estes and J. S. Franklin.

Globe-F. P. Moore and Patterson Moore.

Johns River-L L. Estes.

King's Creek-Smith Coffey, H. M. Beach and J. L. Beach.

Lower Creek-J. R. Swanson, H. G. Powell, and I. A Coffey.

Lovelady-J. T. Shell.

Mt. Grove-W. L. Ferguson and E, E. Beach.

Mt. Zion-J. A. Turnmire and M. E. Miller.

Mulberry-By letter.

Piney Grove-L. H. Carlton, J. G, Melton and C, B. Mitchell.

Pisgah-R. A. Crisp and R. P. Thomason.

Rocky Springs-E. Puett, Willie Dickson and M. G. Shearer.

Sardis-J. D. Berry.

Union No. 1-J. W. West, J. W, Haas and J. J. Roberts.

Union No. 2-A. E. Moore and Andy Corpening.

Wilsons Creek-J. H, Estes and J. M. Hayes.

Winkler's Grove-Not represented.

Yadkin Valley-A. E. Nelson, J. B. Moore and N. Bently.

After which the Association goes into permanent organization, J. J. L. Sherwood and A. Johnson acting as tellers, resulting in the selection of I. W. Thomas Moderator and J. V. McCall Sec'y & Treas.

At this point, Dr. J. K. Moose, through Eld. I. Oxford, presents to the Association for use by its moderator, a beautiful walnut gavel, made from the root of a tree which stood in the yard of old Yadkin church—the oldest Baptist church in this part of the State. Bro. J. G Pulliam, in accepting it on the part of the Association, made a pretty speech, after which the Association tenders its thanks to the donar.

An invitation is given newly constituted churches. No response. Invitation is here extended visiting brethren, and accepted by A. Johnson, of our orphanage, and J. L. Sherwood, of Three Forks association.

On motion of Eld, E. D. Crisp, the chair is authorized to appoint all committees of this session not otherwise provided for.

Chair appoints following committee on arrangements: I Oxford, E. D. Crisp, W. R. Beach, J. G. Pulliam and M. C. Jordan together with Moderator and Clerk.

COMMITTEE ON DEVOTION: Pastor and delegates of Rocky Springs church and J. L. Beach and E. D. Crisp.

TIME AND PLACE AND PREACHER: J. W. West, D. P. Presnell and J. K. Moose.

FINANCE: A. E. Nelson and C. R. Clarke,

The following correspondents are called on and report, from Southern Baptist Convention—C. M. Beach, through W. L. Beach

State Convention-J. V. McCall.

Stony Fork Association-E. D. Crisp.

Alexander County Association-J. L. Beach and W. L. Beach

Brushy Mt. Association-W. R. Beach and W. L. Beach.

The Chair appoints correspondents as follows:

Southern Baptist Convention—J. G. Pulliam; alternate, I. W. Thomas.

State Convention-W, L. Beach.

Alexander County Association—I. Oxford, M. C. Jordan, J. W. West and W. L. Beach.

Brushy Mountain Association—J. H. Nelson, W. R. Beach and L. H Carlton.

Three Forks Association—I. G Pulliam and E. D Crisp.

South Fork Association - I. Oxford.

Catawba River Association-J. T. Shell.

Stony Fork Association-W. L Beach, E. D. Crisp and J. G. Pulliam.

On motion of W. R. Beach Chair appoints as Committee on State of Churches, W. L. Beach and Joe Powell.

On motion of J. G. Pulliam, Chair appoints as Committee on Object of this Association: I. Oxford, I. W. Thomas, J. G. Pulliam to report a year hence.

On motion the Association is to observe the following hours:

Meet at 9 a.m. for devotion; 9:30 for business; take a recess at 11:30 for sermon; meet at 1 p. m. for business and adjourn at will.

Association takes a recess till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY-FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1898.

Association meets pursuant to recess at 9 a, m, Devotional exercise conducted by Eld. I. W. Thomas. Minutes read and approved

Committee on arrangements report order of business, which is placed in hands of Moderator and Committee discharged.

On request of Chair, Clerk reads Constitution and By-laws.

Committee on Periodicals report:

Your Committee realize that there is great lack of proper reading matter among our Baptist brethren. We insist on our brethren keeping pace with the work of our denomination. In order to do this we would recommend the Biblical Recorder, N. C. Baptist Missionary Helper, and Charity and Children. Also that they inform themselves on the history of our denomination. In order to do this we recommend Baptist Historical Papers. Also that the Baptist inform themselves on distinctive Baptist principles and be able to give a reason to everyone that ask of them for the hope in them. We recommend that our people read the Bible more.

W. R. BEACH.

On motion to adopt remarks are made by Brethren W. R. Beach, A. Johnson, J. J. L. Sherwood, I. W. Thomas and I. Oxford. Report adopted.

Committee on Orphanage report:

The Baptist Orphanage has just closed a year of great prosperity. A gracious Providence has cared for the health of the officers and children. Though a severe epidemic of measles has

prevailed, only one child died from the disease.

Since the last session of the body many valuable improvements have been made. The central building has been completed at a cost of nearly \$6,000. During the past year this has been occupied and found admirably suited to the purpose for which it was erected. A home for the general manager—certainly an urgent need—is in process of erection. He and his wife have heretofore been housed in the infirmary, an inconvenient arrangement, especially in case of epidemic disease raging. The Treasurer's report shows that less than \$700 have been contributed for this building, though twelve hundred dollars were subscribed at the last session of the Baptist State Convention. A new printing press and general outfit for "Charity and Children" have been secured at a cost of about \$500. A marked improvement in the general make-up of

the paper has been observed by all. The profits paid into the Orphanage treasury for the past year are \$450.00.

The Orphanage owns a farm of over three hundred acres of fairly good land. The products of this farm for the year are estimated to be worth \$1,282.00. The total expense of making the

crop were \$649.45, leaving a net profit of \$632.55,

The total receipts in money and in kind for the past year reached the magnificent sum of \$13,871.05—the largest of any year in the history of the orphanage. A part of this was used to pay off the dect on the central building—a part. \$1,000, was legacy from Dr. R. D. Fleming's estate; and \$9,010.00 was used to clothe, feed and teach one hundred and sixty children—making the amount cost per capita \$56.00.

The expenses of conducting the institution are small because the salaries of the officers are small: Tho efficient general manager, and all his assistants are receiving less money than they

are really worth.

It is painful to close this report by recording the death of two of the trustees during the past year—Bro. John Marcom, of Durham, and Dr. R. D. Fleming, of Warrenton—both devoted

friends of the Orphanage, giving their time and means freely for its advancement.

The location of the Orphanage's ideal. Just a half mi e from the village of Thomasville, on the Southern railway, in a beautiful grove of native oak and hickory will be found the home for the orphan children of our brothers and sisters who have been called away from earth. The property gathered there is estimated to be worth \$25,000. The only source of support for the institution is the Baptist people of North Carolina.

I. A. COFFEY.

After remarks by A. Johnson, report adopted.

Following are pledges taken for the Orphanage payable at or before next meeting of this body:

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Blair's Fork\$1.00.	Lenoir\$10 00
Conways Chapel 1,50.	Mt. Zion
Dudley Shoals 5.00.	Mt. Grove 2.60
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Fremings' Chapel 1,00.	Pisgah
Granite Falls	Rocky Springs (To take 4 collections.)
J. S. Franklin	Sardis 1.00
King's Creek10.00.	Union No. 1. (To take collection.)
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Lower Creek10.00.	Yadkin

Special order having arrived, Elder J. G. Pulliam preaches an able sermon from Acts 1:9, on power of Holy Spirit to make us: 1, to know; 2, to do; 3, to be; at close of which collection taken for Orphanage, amounting to \$6.51.

FRIDAY-EVENING SESSION.

Visiting brethren invited to seats. Elders R. M. Farthing and W. F. Knight, of Thee Forks-Association, and T. L. Blalock, Missionary to China, accept.

Committee on State Missions report:

Our people have never before been so fully engaged in sending the gospel to the destitute portions of the State. Thirty years ago nearly all the towns of our State were without Baptist churches and Baptist preaching. These same towns with churches and under Baptist influence are now the basis of our largest denominational work of all kinds, at home and abroad. We

have now in the field 103 Missionaries They are occupying 328 Mission Stations, building 38 church houses, and during the first six months of this year reported 543 conversions. This has been a very fruitful year. The strongholds of Satan are being demolished, and the Kingdom of our Lord is being built thereon. In addition to the force before mentioned as operating so necessfully, we have a volunteer company composed of about 90 of the strongest ministers in our churches who are giving ten days of labor in destitute parts of the State under direction of the State Board.

Let us go up and possess the land for Jesus, for with the help of the Lord we are abundantly able. Will not every member of every church help?

Respectfully submitted,

Respectfully submitted, J.V. McCALL, Com.

On motion to adopt, remarks are made by J V. McCall, J. G. Pulliam, I. W Thomas and T. L. Blalock,

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Report adopted

Committee on Ministerial Relief report:

If there is any object that appeals to the hearts of the members of the churches it is the case of those who have worn their lives away for the cause of Jesus and now have not enough of this world's goods to support them comfortably. We would ask that all the pastors of the various churches urge the church to give liberally to this object, at least twice a year. It would greatly encourage our younger ministers to act loose of the world and consecrate themselves more whoily to the work of preaching the gospel.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN NELSON, F.P. COFFEY.

On motion for adoption, remarks were made by Elders T. L. Blalock and I. W. Thomas and pledges taken for Elders C. C Pool and I Oxford.

Granite Falls \$2.00.	Globe\$3.00.
King's Creek 1.00.	Lenoir 4.00.
Mountain Grove	Piney Grove 1.00.
	Sardis 1.00.
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Several other churches promise to take collections for above.

Report adopted.

Committee on Temperance-report:

Believing in the Bible doctrine of Temperance your committee would urge upon our brethren the necessity of teaching and practicing temperance.

And if any will not hear let him be dealt with in his own church. Our only safety is in total stinence. Respectfully submitted,

J. L. BEACH, | Committee.

Rémarks are made by J. L. Beach, J. J. L. Sherwood, B. B. Dougherty and I. G. Melton.

Report adopted.

Association takes a recess till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Benediction by Rev. J. L. Blalock.

THIRD DAY-SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 1898.

Devotion conducted by Moderator,

Association called to order. The Clerk being absent, W.-L. Beach is, on motion, elected Clerk pro tem.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Roll of delegates called and absentees marked.

Invitation to visiting Brethren extended Rev. Jno. P. Hagaman, Three Forks Association, responds.

The Chair announces the following standing committees:

EDUCATION: W. L. Beach and B. B. Dougherty.

PERIODICALS: J. L. Beach and J. R. Swanson.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: W. R. Beach and Joe Powell.

ORPHANAGE: J. V. McCall and J. B. Moore.

TEMPERANCE: J. H. Johnson, I. A. Coffey.

STATE MISSIONS: F. P. Moore, E. D. Crisp.

Home Missions: C. B. Mitchell, C. M. Beach.

Foreign Missions: J. G. Pulliam, J. H. Nelson

MINISTERIAL RELIEF: G. R. Clarke, F. P. Coffey,

PASTORAL SUPPORT! I. Oxford, H. C. Marley.

Executive Committee: J. V. McCall, Joe Powell, G. R. Clarke, J. L. Beach, J. R. Swanson.

On motion J. V. McCall is elected member of Board of Missions and Sunday schools for this Association.

Committee on Pastoral Support report:

Your Committee has a gloomy report to make. According to the minutes of last year the churches averaged nearly \$27.00 for pastoral support. The 13 pastor's received on an average nearly \$52.00 each. The members averaged nearly 62 cents each ifer pastoral support. Hence nearly all our pastors are forced to earn most of their support on the farm, in the school room or in the store. They have little time to read, study or pray, and as a consequence they preach poorly, and the churches are not developing. Your committee would urge the churches to support their pastors liberally, and require them to read and study and visit their flocks, and have the pastors give themselves continually to these things. The Lord has ordained that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel. See I Cor. 9, 14. Let him that is taught in the word-communicate (or live) to him that teacheth in all good things.—Gal 6, 6,

I. OXFORD, I. W. THOMAS.

On motion for adoption remarks are made by I. W. Thomas, I. Oxford, J. H. Johnson, S. D. Heffner, J. L. Beach.

Report adopted.

Committee on Foreign Missions report:

Nearly 19 hundred years ago Our Lord gave the command "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Never in the history of the world was this command more binding upon God's children than now, and since 1845 when the Southern Baptist Convention was organized the Mission Work has grown till now our Foreign Mission Board has 80* Missionaries on the different fields, and 2,024 converts. Not only this, but in 1893 twe.ve men and women launch out into the interior of China, directly depending upon the churches of the South for a support.

Thus God in His own way has enlarged the work and our opportunities till we have in the

field 22, and many others crying to be sent in this way.

Brethren it is not only our duty, but our God-given privelege to stand by the Missionaries in our prayers and uphold them with our means while they preach Jesus among a heathen people.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE CLARK, T. L. BLALOCK.

*Now only 72, eight having recently resigned.

Remarks by T. L. Blalock and report adopted, and pledges as follows taken:

Blair's Fork \$ 2.00	Conways Chapel\$ 2.50
	Globe109,00
John's River 1.00	King's Creek 15.00
Lenoir	Mt. Grove 2.00
Sardis	

Special order having arrived, Eld. I. Oxford preaches from Dan. 2, 44:45, on the establishment of Christ's church. Association takes a recess.

SATURDAY-EVENING SESSION.

Delegates from Dudley Shoals and Sardis churches excused for the session; also Bro. Haas from Union No. 1.

Committee on Digest of Church Letters report;

Your Committee submits the following Digest of Church Letters: There have been added to our churches during the present year:

/	By Baptism. 146 By Letter 58 Restored 21	
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Total gain in Membership 124 Total Membership 1,986. The following partial financial report is also gathered from the letters:

Pastor's Salary\$842,07	Foreign Missions\$136.61
Ministerial Relief 9.50	State " 24.56
" Education 4.02	Home " 16.87
Orphanage 79.86	Other objects 143.72
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Church expenses 426.93	Total for all objects\$1,712.25

Gain over contributions for last year, \$581.30.

We are sorry to report that many of the Churches failed to send up any account of the contributions. Your Committee urge the church clerks, in preparing the letters to the Association, to give full statistical and financial reports, and such other information as is required by the Constitution of this body.

Respectfully submitted.

JOE POWELL, Jr., Com.

Report adopted.

Elder J. M. Payne, of Three Forks Association, here accepts a seat with body.

Historian reports:

The Lord has preserved the lives of all the under sheperds in the Association through this Associational year, and has given us bountiful crops of wheat and corn. And the Lord has given our Nation victory over a barbarous Nation, and also restored peace. The Lord has blessed the labors of his ministers on land and sea, and at all the camps among the soldiers. There is a good work going on athome and abroad. Let us take courage and use these golden opportunities to profit.

Yours, ISAAC OXFORD.

Report adopted, and Bro. Oxford continued as Historian. Committee on Education report:

Your Committee has nothing of special interest to report as to education in the bounds of the Caldwell Association. We have no school of high grade in our midst, but ought to have one.

There are several academies in our territory, but none of them much more than private schools. Some of our young men are attending the Taylorsville Collegiate Institute, Taylorsville, N. C. So far as your committee is apprised, we have no students at Wake Forest College. We would urge the importance of building up a school of high grade at some point in the nounds of this Association to be owned and controlled by the denomination. We would also urge all our people to take more interest in general education and to patronize the public schools better. We heartly recommend the Taylorsville Collegiate Institute as a most worthy school for our young men that wish to graduate. We urge our young ministers, by all means, to attend Wake Forest College. We would urge that our girls be given an equal chance with our boys in the race for an education.

C. M. BEACH, I. W. THOMAS.

Remarks by B. B. Dougherty, W. L. Beach and R. M. Farthing. Report adopted.

Home Mission Committee report:

We consider the duties of this part of our work to bring upon us great responsibilities. Seeing there are so many destitutions throughout the bounds of our Southern Baptist Convention, and those people are perishing for the Worl of Life, we ought to feel stirred by the Spirit of Life within us, to minister to their needs in things pertaining to eternal life. And our responsibilities do not stop with the boundary of the Southern Baptist Convention. but the island of Cuba should be duly considered and supplied with the Word of Life.

J. R. SWANSON, Com.

Discussed by J. H. Johnson and adopted.

Committee on Sunday Schools report:

It is useless to call attention to the importance of Sunday Schools, but we recommend to our Churches:

First. That Sunday School Institutes be held during the coming year.

Second. That every church in every instance elect the superintendent of its Sunday Schools and that the church and school be kept close together in sympathy and work.

Third. That the Church pay the expenses of the Sunday school as to literature and all else and let the contributions of the school go to missions and other objects.

Fourth. That the teachers and superintendent make thorough preparation for their work.

Fifth. We most heartly recommend that the superintendent not talk too much in the school.

Respectfully submitted J. B. MOORE, J. G. PULLIAM.

Report is adopted and discussion postponed till Sunday morning. Executive Committee report:

Your Executive Committee respectfully submit the following report. In regard to Associational Missions nothing has been asked for and nothing has been appropriated by us for that work during past year. But we are aware that there is destitution in our bounds which should and would be supplied if the means were placed within our reach.

Seeing it was impossible for the colored Baptis's of Lenoir to pay for their lot on which a house of worship was being built, and on which this Association, through our Committee, had paid twenty-four dollars and fifty cents. We instructed our Secretary to dispose of the house, and, if possible, save the amount to the denomination. He reports that he has sold the house for twenly-five dollars, to be due January 1st 1899. We recommend that this amount be placed in safe keeping and at interest until needed in the future for helping the Colored Baptists of Lenoir start a house of worship, and purchase a lot on which to build.

J. L. BEACH, Chairman Ex. Com.

JOE POWELL, Jr. Sec'v Ex. Com.

Report adopted.

Committee on Time and Place and Preachers report:

Time-Thursday before tourth Sunday in September, 1899.

Place-Blair's Fork, one mile north-west of Lenoir.

Preacher of introductory sermon, E. D. Crisp. Alternate, S. D. Heffner.

D. P. PRESNELL, Committee.

On motion Brethren Joe Powell and J. K. Moose are appointed auditing committee to inspect Treasurer's report.

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J. V. MccALL, Treas.

Amount received and paid out by F. P. Moore, Treasurer Gospel Missions, during Associational year \$107.61.

Clerk is directed to retain for his services the sum of six dollars (\$6.00) and expend remainder of minute fund for minutes and distribute to churches.

RESOLUTION. -- Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to Rocky Springs Church and friends in the community for their kind and most liberal hospitality to us during the session of this body. We also tender our thanks to the managers of the Caldwell & Northern R. R. for reduced rates to and from the Association.

RESOLUTION.—Resolved, That we request the sistors of the churches composing this Association to organize Missionary societies in each church for their own benefit and improvement, and to help onward all our benevolent work. If they will write to Miss Fannie Heck, Raleigh, N. G. she will furnish all needed information as to organization and carrying on the work of the societies free of charge.

QUERIES.

No. 1. Is it advisable to continue the union meeting of this Association, seeing there was but one preacher present at last meeting at Dudley Shoals and he the pastor of the church? If so, let the preachers of Association prepare program and send next meeting to King's Creek in Oct. and then let the preachers all come

W. PALMER,
J. L. BEACH,
W. S. SUDDRETH
Committee.

- No. 2. Is Baptism administered by ministers of Anti-Missionary Baptist churches valid?
- No. 3. What should be the attitude of the churches toward a sister church that holds for its pastor a man who has been excluded from his church and his credentials taken from him?
- No. 4. What right has a church to receive into its fellowship a man who has been excluded from his church and his credentials taken from him, and give him credentials to preach, baptize and marry people without a presbytery?
- No. 5. If the above is scriptural, where is the authority to be found?

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

1. The Committee recommend continuing the Union Meet-

ings and earnestly urge the ministers and all to attend.

2. As to the validity of Anti-Mission Baptism, I. Oxford, J. C. Pulliam, J. V. McCall and A. Johnson are of the opinion that this question does not come within the province of the association to answer, and being a majority of the committee refuse to answer. M. C. Jordan, W. R. Beach, and I. W. Thomas are of the opinion that the query does come within the province of the Association and ought to be answered, but being in the minority we can not report an answer.

3. If said church does not drop said pastor the churches of this Association should withdraw fellowship from said church.

4. Ans. None.

5. Ans. There is none.

Committee on Devotion report T. L. Blalock to preach at 11 o'clock, followed by cash collection for passage of Bro. Blalock and wife to China. Bro. Thomas to preach at 2 p. m.

On motion J. B. Moore is to conduct S. S. Meeting at 9:30 to-

morrow morning.

Association adjourns to time and place of next meeting. Prayer by Bro. F. P. Moore. Benediction by moderator. J. V. McCall, Sec'y.

I. W. Thomas, Moderator.

SUNDAY SESSION.

Sunday School report is discussed by Brethren J. G. Pulliam and Joe Powell in ten minutes' speeches. At 11 a. m. Elds. T. L. Elalock preaches in Baptist church and J. G. Pulliam in Adventist church nearby, to large congregations, followed by collection of passage money as previously arranged. At 2 p. m. Eld. J. M. Farthing preaches at Baptist church.

J. V. McCall, Clerk.

Constitution, By-Laws and Abstract of Principles of the Caldwell County Baptist Association,

CONSTITUTION.

- I. This Association shall be known as the Caldwell County Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches—each church being entitled to three delegates, and all regular ordained and licensed ministers as members ex-officio.
- 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom in the hearts of men.
- 3. The delegates thus selected shall bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.
- 4. The Association thus formed shall choose by ballot a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall continue in office for one year, and until others are chosen. The last two offices may be held by the same individual.
- 5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business, to keep order during each session, to decide questions of order, subject to an appeal of the house by any member, and to perform all other duties pertaining to his office.
- 6. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful and correct record of all the proceedings of each session of the Association, and keep a file of printed Minutes of the Association, and every ten years have them bound in book form for the use of the Association, and to perform such other duties assigned him by the Association.
- 7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of all the funds coming into his hands, and to report the same at the order of the Association.
- 8. There shall be a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk.
- 9. All letters of grievances and queries together with all letters from corresponding Associations requiring any attention thereon shall be submitted to the Committee of Arrangements and reported back to the Association.
- 10. This body shall have no coercive power to exercise Lord-ship over God's heritage, but shall only be an advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulations of the churches
- 11. When an offense may have been committed by one church against another, or where a series of difficulties may have arisen in an individual church, it shall be the duty of the Association, after due labors have been had between the offended and offending churches, or an individual church, as the case may be, to take the matter into consideration and advise upon it.
- 12. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve gospel order among their members, nor any of her churches and ministers that treat her constitution with contempt, but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote gospel principles and order.
- 13. It shall be the province of this Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.
- 14. The Association shall in all matters, except cases pertaining to the constitution, be governed by a majority of the members present, and shall not adjourn until they have gone through the business of the Association except in extraordinary cases.
- 15. Each church having an ordained or a licensed minister shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such in the Minutes.
- 16. The Association shall furnish the churches with Minutes af her proceedings, and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.
- 17. The Association shall have a fund created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer subject to the disposition of a majority of the Association present at any annual session.
- 18. The Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place as the body may from time to time designate.

19. By appointment of the Association there may be an introductory, a missionary and a denominational sermon preached at each annual session:

20. This constitution may be altered or amended at any time, two-thirds of the members present concurring.

BY-LAWS.

1. At each assembling of the Association for the transaction of business, the Moderator shall invite members to order; then the Association shall be opened with praise and prayer.

2. When the Moderator takes the chair, each members of the Association shall take his seat, and minutes of the preceding day shall be read: the minutes of the last day of any session, however, may be read at the close of the session.

3. The Moderator may speak to points of order in preference to other members; and, on points of order, no member shall speak more than once without leave of the body.

4. The Moderator shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.

5. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the body.

6. He shall have general direction of the house, and may name any member of the body to perform the duties of the chair.

7./ When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Moderator, and confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personalities; if two or more members rise at the same time the Moderator shall name the brother to speak first. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the body.

8. While the Moderator is addressing the Association or putting any question, no member shall speak, stand, walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking entertain private discourse, stand up or pass between him and the chair.

9. After a motion is stated by the Moderator, or read by the C'erk it shall be deemed in the possession of the body, but may be withdrawn before a decision or amendment.

10. All papers addressed to the Association shall be presented by the Moderator.

11. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the body.

12. If any brother, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Association, the Moderator shall, or any other member may, call him to order, in which case the brother so called to order, shall at once conform to the rules or take his seat,

13. In all elections the Moderator may vote; in other cases he shall not vote, unless the Association be equally divided.

14. These rules or by-laws may be altered or amended by a majority of the members at any session of the Association concurring,

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in one only true and living God: and that there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

2. We believe that the Bible—the Old and New Testament—is the Word of GoJ, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the impotency of man and the sovereignty of God.

4. We believe that salvation is by Grace, through Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ to be practiced only by believers in their scriptural order.

6. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator, and that only those thus baptized and are in fellowship with the Church in feeling and doctrine should take the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe in the final perseverence of the Saints in Grace to Glory.

8. We believe in the resurection of the dead and a general Judgment.

9. We believe that the existence of the righteous and of the wicked will both be of eternal duration, and the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

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Ordained Ministers.

JNO. T. SHELL	Petra, N		C.
W. W. CONWAY	.Baton,	46	
J. Z. Griffin		66	
H C, MARLEY		6	
J. R. J. Annas		٠,6	
I. W THOMAS		46	
E. D. Crisp		"	
J. L. PHILLIPS		44	
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WARREN MOORE		4	
J. H. Nelson		. 66	
S. D. HEFFNER		66	
W. R Beach		k "	
J. H. HICE		66	
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M. S. Spencer		66	

Licentiates.

W. H. H. HARTI	LEY	-	- '	-	Hudson,	N. C.
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J. W. SHELL	-	-	-	-	Petra,	46
W. J. STORIE		-	-	-	Finley,	66
D. G. BARBER	-	-	-	-	Muttenz,	44
L. M. Annis		-	_	-	Saw Mills,	44
HENRY POPE			1	_	Saw Mills,	46

Officers.

- I. W. THOMAS, Moderator, - Lenoir, N. C.
- J. V. McCall, Secretary and Treasurer, " "

PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

CALDWELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The Association convenes Sept. 21st, 1899, with Blair's Fork Church, Annual Sermon being delivered by Elder E. D. Crisp, from Acts 8:35.

After an intermission of 45 minutes, Association is called to order by Elder I. W. Thomas, Moderator of last session.

Brethren W. R. Beach and J. R. Swanson read letters from churches, which, with their delegations, are as follows:

Bethany-W. A. McCall, T. J. Curtis, Geo. A. McCall. Blair's Fork-W. S. Sudderth, Jas. Bryant, Isaac Palmer. Conway's Chapel-J. S. Braswell, D. G. Barber Dudley Shoals-W. T. Sherrill, W. F. F Palmer. Fleming's Chapel-J. M. McCall, L. C. King, J. N. Mabe. Granlte Falls-H. C. Mackie, D. D. Crisp, J. I. McRary. Green Rock-J. H. Johnson, J. L. Hawkins and Thos. Simmons. Green Valley-R. L. Cline, Lee Shoemake. Globe-Job Cook, Joe Moore. John's River-J. C L. Hayes, J. M. Hatley. King's Creek-J. E. Tilley, N. A. Laxton, J. L. Beach. Lenoir-Molton Triplett, J. B. Gushing, G. R. Clarke. Lower Creek-S. J. Stokes, R. L. Steele, J. R. Swanson. Lovelady-W. P. Bumgarner, J. M. Cannon. Mountain Grove-Mount Zion-P. T. Turnmire. Mulberry-Joel M. Crisp, Jnc. R. Bowman, Piney Grove-J. B. Barlow, J. J. Mitchell. Poovey's Grove-J. S. Poovey, L. D. Keller. Pisgah-J. H. Crisp. Rocky Springs-M. G. Shearer, M. C. Setzer. Sardis-J. D. Berry, W. H. H. Hartley, Union No. 1-C. A. Haas, J. Wilson West, Union No. 2-Represented by letter only. Union Grove-G. W. Smith, W. N. Underdown. Winkler Grove-P. K. Morgan, H. M. Fry, Jno. Martin. Wilson's Creek-J. T. Hayes, J. A. Phillips. Yadkin-L. M. Pendley, J. Calvin Coffey, J. B. Moore.

After which the body goes into permanent organization, resulting in the selection of I. W. Thomas Moderator and J. V. McCall Secretary and Treasurer.

An invitation is given newly constituted churches. Delegates present applications from Poovy's Grove and Union Grove churches. Said applications are referred to a committee com-

posed of Breth. W. R. Beach and E. D. Crisp, who recommend their acceptance. Churches received and delegates enrolled.

Chair extends invitation to visiting brethren. Invitation accepted by Eld. M. P. Matheny, Buncombe county Asso.; E. A. Poe, Catawba River Asso.; J. A. White, Alexander county; I. C. Miller, T. C. Robbins, R. H. Pipes and J. W. Brown, Stony Fork; J. J. L. Sherwood and L. W. Farthing, Three Fork Association; Dr. Chas. E. Taylor, president Wake Forest College; Prof. A. B. Justice, of Lenoir High School, and J. J. Beach, Moravian Falls Academy.

Chair appoints following Committees:

Arrangements: W. R. Beach, E. D. Crisp, J. L. Beach, G. R. Clarke and Joe Powell, with Moderator and Clerk.

FINANCE: M. G. Shearer, W. F. F. Palmer, J. B. Cushing. DEVOTION: Pastor and delegates Blair's Fork Church.

OBITUARIES: W. R. Beach, J. V. McCall.

TIME, PLACE: J. W. West, E. D. Crisp, J. D. Berry. STATE OF CHURCHES: J. G. Pulliam, C. M. Beach.

On motion of J. V. McCall, W. R. Beach is elected Historian for ensuing year.

Following correspondents are called for and report: From Southern Baptist Convention, J. G. Pulliam; Alexander county Association, J. W. West; Stony Fork Association, W. R. Beach. Chair appoints following delegates:

Southern Baptist Convention—J. G. Pulliam; Alternate, Joe Powell

Baptist State Convention—J. V. McCall, Joe Powell, E. D. Crisp, I. W. Thomas, J. T. Hayes, J. G. Pulliam.

Stony Fork Association-E. D. Crisp and W. R. Beach.

Alexander county Association-J. W. West, C. M. Beach.

Brushy Mt. Association-W. R. Beach, I. W. Thomas.

Three Fork Association—J. H. Johnson, G. R. Clarke.

1. W. Thomas, W. S. Sudderth.

South Fork Association—J. G. Pulliam

Catawba River Association—J. V. McCall, W. R. Beach, N. A. Laxton, G. R. Clarke, I. W. Thomas, W. H. H. Hartley.

On motion, Association to meet each day at 9 a.m. for devotion, 9:30 for business; take a recess for sermon at 11:30; meet at 1 p. m., and adjourn at will. On motion, J. J. L. Sherwood to take place of I. Oxford appointed at last session on "Object of this Association."

Committee on Devotion report: J. A. White to preach at 7:30: J. H. Johnson to conduct praise service at 9 a.m. to-morrow and Dr. Gwaltney to preach at 11:30.

Association takes a recess—prayer by Dr. Taylor.

SECOND DAY-SEPTEMBER 22, 1800.

Association meets pursuant to recess at 9 a.m. Devotional exercises lead by J. H. Johnson. Minutes read and approved

Invitation to seats accepted by J. W. Bailey, Editor Biblical Recorder, and Rev. J. S. Corpening, Catawba River Association.

Committee on Arrangements report, which is adopted and placed in hands of Moderator. Committee discharged.

Committee on Orphanage report:

The Baptist Orphanage has just closed a year of varied experience. A gracious Providence has cared for the health of the officers and children. Early in the year the institution was in financial straight. Later, in June, just as the wheat was about ready to harvest the country was visited by a devastating cyclone almost entirely destroying the crops—only 37 bu wheat out of 500 bu. being saved. Your committee think they see in this the hand of the Lord leading the people to love and cherish this work. This need of our orphan children has touched a chord of sympathy in hearts hitherto untouched, and has laid upon their hearts the work as nothing else would. Today we believe the Orphanage has more friends than ever before n its history.

The Orphanage has outlived the prejudice and antagonism of its institution, and has fully demonstrated its usefulness. What it needs now is not so much friends (for few are not friends) but system in work. We suggest as a remedy for these times of stringency, Paul's idea of contributing—weekly, at furthest, monthly collections, which will avoid these straights. At their last meeting the Board of Trustees set on foot measures to build, as a suitable monument to old father J. H. Mills, a Memorial Machine shop, to cost about \$2,500.00. We believe this industry will open a much larger field of usefulness for the boys who are now shut up to the printing office and farm. We heartily commend to the brethren the present management and the unequaled economy with which they have conducted the work of the institution, paying all expenses at a cost of \$4.66 per head.

We further commend the Orphanage paper, which is yielding such a nice income to the Orphanage. We desire to emphasize the fact that we are here doing a great work for God and humanity and that it depends solely upon the voluntary contributions of the Baptists of North Carolina.

J. V. McCALL, Com.

After remarks by J. V. McCall, M. P. Matheny, J. W. Bailey and I. W. Thomas, report is adopted.

Committee on Education report:

All progressive people now recognize the fact that some degree of education is necessary for success in any calling; and a few are so bold as to say it is as much a father's duty to educate his child as it is to clothe and feed it. And why not? Is not the immortal mlud of more value than the perishing body? In the full development and practice of this principle rests the safety of church and state in the coming century.

Never before, in the history of nations, have the powers of darkness been more determined; never have the demons of moral corruptness been more enticing; never before have teachers of false theories and false religions been more insistent on promulgating their peculiar beliefs; and to meet all these evil forces Baptists, especially, who of all people have ever stood for plain gospel truths and purity of life, need the help of trained minds. In order that we may have these your committee urge our people to use every means of mental improvement.

While we deplore the efforts of some to make our public schools a means of denominational aggrandisement, we insist that our people use every means for their success, both as to matter

taught and management, and also as to the attendance of pupils.

Supplementary to these, we recommend Lenoir High School, which has recently been purchased and put under competent management; and for collegiate work, Taylorsville Collegiate Institute, our own adopted school for higher education; also Wake Forest College and the Female University, whose high standards of excellence are well known.

Respectfully submitted.

WALTER L. BEACH, Com.

On motion to adopt, remarks are made by C. M. Beach, Dr. Taylor, which lead up to special order. Sermon by Dr. Gwaltney from Jas 2:24.

EVENING SESSION.

Discussion of education renewed. Remarks by J. A. White, A B Justice, Dr. Gwaltney, J. J. Beach. Report adopted.

On motion J. G. Pulliam is substituted for I. Oxford on committee on "Pastoral Support."

Upon invitation, C. M. Murchison, of South Fork Association, accepts a seat with the body.

Committee on Periodicals report;

We do not underestimate the value of good reading matter in the homes of our people. "Show me what a man reads and I will tell you what he is" as a true saying and we insist on our people reading our Baptist papers and keep themselves informed on the work of the denomination. For information on the Orphanage we recommend Charity and Children as a well-edited, interesting paper. If our people want information on the general work of the Southern Baptist Convention, we recommend the Biblical Recorder, and for information on Gospel Mission work, we recommend the Southern Baptist and the Gospel Mission Helper, and as a temperance advocate, we especially ask that our people read the N. G. Baptist. If our people will keep in formed we feel they will do more for the extension of the Lord's Kingdom. COMMITTEE

After remarks by Brethren J. W. Bailey, M. P. Matheny, J. J. Beach, J. S. Corpening and I. C. Miller, the report is adopted.

Committee on objects of the Association report:

Your committee on Object of this Association recommend that the object of this Association be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom in the hearts of men, especially by fostering missionary and educational work within its own bounds.

J. G. PULLIAM,
I. W. THOMAS,
J. J. L. SHERWOOD

Remarks by J. G. Pulliam and report adopted.

Association takes a recess until tomorrow morning, 9 o'clock. Doxology. Benediction by C. M. Murchison.

THIRD DAY, SEPT. 23, 1899.

MORNING SESSION.

Association meets pursuant to its recess. Praise service conducted by C. M. Murchison. Minutes read and approved.

Finance report:

To receive	d for State Missions, \$12.15
44	" Home "
66	" Foreign " 1.00
66	" Gospel " 7.73
4.6	" Ministerial Relief, 2.20
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W. F. F. PALMER.
M. G. SHEARER,
J. B CUSHING,

On motion, report adopted and committee discharged.

On motion of J. V. McCall, Missions is made special order for 10:30 today.

On motion of E D. Crisp, Clerk to have printed and distributed 400 copies of Minutes and retain balance funds in his hands as compensation for his services.

Chair appoints the following Standing Committees:

EDUCATION-J. V. McCall and M. G. Shearer.

Periodicals-P. G. Kiser and D. D. Crisp.

S. Schools-J. H. Johnson and J. B. Moore.

ORPHANAGE—E. D. Crisp and J. R. Swanson. TEMPERANCE—Jas. A. Laxton and J. L. Beach.

STATE MISSIONS—J. W. West and W. A. White.

HOME MISSIONS—J. W. West and W. A. White Home Missions—J. H. Nelson and I. A. Coffey.

Foreign Missions-J. G. Pulliam and F. P. Coffev.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF—W. R. Beach and G. R. Clarke.

PASTORAL SUPPORT-H. C. Marley and H. H. Hartley.

EX COMMITTEE—W. F. F. Palmer, Jos. Powell, Jr., J. V. Mc-Call, J. L. Beach and M. N. Harshaw

Committee on Time and Place report: *Time*, Thursday before 4th Sunday in Sept., 1900. *Place*, Union No. 1, 10 miles east of Lenoir. *Preacher*, I. W. Thomas; Alternate, W. R. Beach.

Cospel Mission report from Sept. 1, '98, to Sept	. 1, 99:	
· 1898	Dr.	Cr.
Sept. 12, To Caldwell Gounty Association, per J. V. McCall		
Nov. 7. "Globe Church and Sunday school		
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Nov. 7. By check forwarded T. L. Blalock	\$31.06	\$31 06
Nov. 10. To Yadkin Church, per Job B. Moore	4.00	
Dec. 5. "Dudley Shoals Church, per W. R. Beach		
Jan, 23, '99, " Rocky Springs Church, per M. G. Shearer	4.92	
" " Globe Church		
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Jan. 23. By check forwarded T. L. Blalock	\$35.31	\$35 31
March 20. To Dudley Shoais church, per W. R. Beach	2.00	
April. " P. H. Pardue and family		
May. To Globe church		
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By check, stamps, &c., T. L. Blalock	\$30.00	\$30.00
June To Rocky Springs church, per M. G. Shearer	7.50	
July 14. " Lower Creek church, Mrs, M. E. Thompson		
Aug. 8. "Globe Church		
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" By check forwarded T. L. Blalock	\$35,50	\$35,50
Sept. 18. To Yadkin church, per Job B. Moore	\$ 4.00	
Total amount received\$135.87	-,	
" " paid out\$131,87		
Sept. 19. Amount in treasury	\$ 4.00	

We would urge all the members of their respective churches in our Association to keep themse, we sposted concerning our missionaries by taking and reading the "Missionary Helper," published at Decatur, Ga., and "Southern Baptist," published at Candler and Charlotte, N. C.

Let us do all we can to carry out our Lord's last command, "Preach the gospel to every creature."

Respectfully submitted,

F. P MOORE, Treas. G, M.

Committee on Ministerial Relief report:

As church members and servants of the Lord Jesus Christ we cannot afford to neglect the care of our preachers who have been faithful to preach the Everlasting Gospel to a lost world and have been instrumental in leading us and our children to Christ—and now have not enough of this world's goods to support them comfortably in their old age. Therefore, we again request the pastors to keep it before the churches that they may be thoroughly aroused to a sense of their duty in this part of the work, for the reward is sure—Jesus has promised it.

Respectfully submitted,

F. P. COFFEY, Committee.

Remarks by Dr. W. R. Gwaltney and report is adopted.

Committee on Missions report as follows:

FOR FIGN MISSIONS.—Your committee to report on Foreign Missions submit the following: "Go disciple all nations." This lays every Christian under contribution. This is the marching order of every soldier of the Cross, and the whole world is open to all who will obey this last command of our great Leader. And his promise is: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," and that He has all power in Heaven and earth. And when in all the fields the missionaries have gone, He has made this promise good.

J. G. PULLIAM, Committee.

Report on State Missions:

Giving the Gospel to those who are without it is the Lord's great and last command to His churches, and calls for our first consideration. How this work can best be performed has been and is now a serious question among brethren. The two plans recognized are the voluntary plan and the 'organized plan.' By far the larger number of churches planted in N. C. have been planted on the voluntary plans, and this plan puts honor upon the Holy Spirit and respon sibility upon the churches, as the other does not and cannot. We recognize the importance of co-operation among our churches, but are convinced that there is danger in going too far even on that line, where co-operation ceases, and centralization begins. We recommend that this Association look after her own destitution in Caldwell county and that our churches consider their duty with reference to destitution in the State, and govern themselves accordingly. We are of the opinion that we are able to supply our own territory with the gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. CRISP, Committee.

Report on Home Missions:

To realize the importance of the Home Mission work, we have only to consider the fields that are to be supplied by the "Home Mission Board," and the earnest gospel missionary workers in Home Missions, which includes the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention; especially work among the Indians, negroes and foreigners—the importance of which is much increased by the new industries springing up among us, bringing in hundreds and thousands of immigrants who should be met at our doors by faithful missionaries. Then Cuba and Porto Rico are before us with open doors pleading for more of the Gospel light. Seeing the greatness of the work and the responsibility resting on us as Southern Baptists, your committee urge that we lend a helping hand to this great work by an increase in our contributions and our prayers for the success of the work—thus obeying the command of our Master to carry the Gospel to the world, "Beginning at Jerusalem."

Respectful y submitted, C. M. BEACH, Committee.

On motion the above reports are consolidated and discussed by J. W. Bailey, M. P. Matheny and J. V. McCall, at the close of which cash collection amounting to \$4 is taken together with the following pledges due at or before the next meeting of this body:

Blair's Fork\$1.00	Pisgah
Dudley Shoals 3,00	Sardis 100
Granite Falls	Yadkin
	J T. Hayes
John's River 1.00	
Lenoir	\$30.50

Special order arriving J. J. L. Sherwood preaches from Acts 8:20.

EVENING SESSION.

Upon invitation, Breth. J. C. Bell, Alexander county, and E. H. Dougherty, Three Forks Association, accept seats.

Discussion of missions resumed, J. S. Corpening speaking to report on Pome Missions; Foreign Missions discussed by Breth. C. M Murchison, J. J. Beach, J. W. Bailey, Dr. Gwaltney and J. A. White.

Committee on Pastoral Work report:

Your Committee on Pastoral Support recognizing the faithful work done by our pastors, and the small pay they have received during the year (as shown by letters to this meeting) recommend that our churches pay their pastors more, that they pay them promptly and regularly, whatever they promised them, and we recommend also that the brethren in each church endeavor to secure a conthibution from each member for pastor's salary. The pastor should be relieved entirely of the embarrassment of mentioning to the church the payment of his salary.

J. G. PULLIAM, Committee.

Report adopted without discussion. Report on Temperance:

Brethren, your committee would like to offer some figures to convey some idea of the interest taken in the liquor business. In 1895 there was consumed in the, United States 77,828,561 gallons of liquor, 19,644,049 gallons of wine and 1.140,764.716 gallons of beer. This all at one dollar per gallon—which would be a low estimate—would amount to \$1,140,764,716 spent for drink in one year. Brethren, if all Christians would lay to a helping hand, we believe a large part of this great sum of money might be turned in the direction of spreading the gospel, feeding the poor, &c Brethren, let us use our best efforts to help all in the church to be Bible Christians.

J. H. JOHNSON, Committee.

On motion to adopt remarks are made by Joe Powell, E. D. Crisp and E. H. Dougherty. Adopted.

Ex. Com. Report:

We beg to report that our Secretary has collected and turned over to the treasurer of the Association the \$25.00 referred to in our last report. And we recommend that the same be placed at interest until needed for the object for which it was raised, to-wit: helping to build colored Baptist church house in Lenoir.

J. L. BEACH.

J. L. BEACH, G. R. CLARKE, J. R. SWANSON, J. K. MOOSE,

JOE POWELL, Sec'y and Treas.

Adopted.

Committee on S. S. reports as follows, and discussion deferred until tomorrow 9:30 A. M.:

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, find, according to the reports from the churches, that more than one thousand pupils are enrolled in our Sunday Schools, at least one third more than last year. We feel encouraged with the work, and insist on our churches still reaching out, and to bring in others. We would insist on our pastors doing more along this line.

JOE POWELL, Jr. Committee.

Report adopted.

Historian's report:

Eld. Isaac Oxford was born in Burke—now Galdwell—county, June 28, 1810. He joined Union church July 17, 1847; was licensed to preach September 16, 1848; was ordained to the full work of Ministry May 17, 1850. The presbytery consisted of Brethren S. Ferguson, J. B. Powell. James Reed, H. Holsclaw, S. Medlock and J. J. Watts.

Bro. Oxford has served sixteen churches as pastor, helped organize seven churches, aided in the ordination of fifteen ministers, and been present and assisted in the formation of four Associations. Bro. Oxford was a self-made man, well versed in the Scriptures, often acting as umpire in settling hard questions. Able in counsel, ready for every good word and work. Bro. Oxford was an earnest advocate of temperence, a fearless gospel preacher, a humble Christian and a good citizen. His example is worthy of imitation, He is sensibly missed by his church and this Association. But the Lord help us to be resigned to His will, and make us faithful

servants of His, as our brother was.

servants of His, as our brother was.

With a firm trust in a crucified Redeemer, he approached the river of death without fear and crossed over on the 9th day of January, 1899, and is now resting under the shade of the trees. Write, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord," "Soldier rest, thy warfare o'er."

Bro. A. A. Sudderth was born June 26, 1820, and died Oct. 11, 1898 He joined Lower Creek church in 1839. In 1891 he went into the organization of Blair's Fork, of which he remained a pillar until death.

Bro. Wilson Laxton was born July 31st, 1849, and died Dec. 22, 1898. He professed religion in early life and united with King's Creek; afterwards he moved his membership to Lower Creek, of which he was clerk for a long time, and where his connection only ceased with death.

Report adopted.

On motion of E. D. Crisp, the body voted the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and hereby tendered to Blair's Fork Church and the friends in the community for their kind and liberal hospitality to us during our meeting.

Committee on State of the Churches report as follows, which is

Your Committee feel encouraged to report that the Spiritual condition of the Churches within the bounds of the Association is improving, and that while the condition is not what it ought to be, and not what we expect it to be, yet upon the whole it is hopeful.

J. G. PULLIAM C. M. BEACH.

On motion a collection to be taken at 11:30 sermon tomorrow for orphans.

Treasurer's report:

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 ** J. D. Moore, Treas. for T. L. Blalock, China,
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 ** Ivey Allen, Treas. Orphanage.
 13.66

 By reserved by Clerk for services, postage, &c,
 4.45

J. V McCALL, Treas.

On motion J. V. McCall is elected member of State Board of Mission for this Aassociation.

On motion Association adjourns to time and place of next meet. ing.

Doxology is sung and Benediction by J. J. L. Sherwood.

I. W. THOMAS. Mod.

J. V. McCALL, Sec'v.

SUNDAY SESSION.

Sunday school report is discussed by Breth. H. C. Marley, S. D. Heffner, J. H. Johnson, H. S. Blair and Joe Powell.

At 10:30 J. S. Corpening preaches from 1 Cor. 15:10; at 11:30 J. L. Sherwood preached from Gal. 6:9. At 1:30 M. P. Matheny preaches from Romans 6 ch.

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MINUTES

OF THE

Sixteenth Annual Session

OF THE

Caldwell County

... BAPTIST ASSOCIATION .

HELD WITH

Union Church No. 1, September 20=23, 1900.

Next session to be held with Sardis Church, 6 miles south-east of Lenoir, N. C., on the C. &. N.-W.

R. R., Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in Sept. 1901, Eld. W. R.

Beach to preach Annual Sermon; Eld. A. T.

Howell, Alternate.

Compiled by J. V. McCall, Sec'y.

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MINISTERS AND OFFICERS OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Ordained Ministers.

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Licentiates.

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F. P. Coffey	,,	,,
Henry Moore	Risden,	,,
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Officers.

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PROCEEDINGS

-OF THE-

CALDWELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The Association convenes Sept. 20th, 1900, with Union Church No. 1, Annual Sermon being delivered by Elder I. W. Thomas from Mark 11:22, "Have Faith in God."

After an intermission of one hour, the Association, at 1 p. m., is called to order by I. W. Thomas, Moderator.

Brethren J. K. Moose and W. F. F. Palmer read letters from churches, which, with their delegations, are as follows:

Bethany-By letter only.

Blair's Fork-W, L. Ferguson and D. P. Presnell.

Clarke's Chapel-J. C. Hobbs, J. C. Clarke.

Conway's Chapel-R. O. Phillips, W. P. Branch.

Dudley Shoals-B. M. Satterwhite, J. L. Phillips, W. F. F. Palmer.

Flemming's Chapel-P. H. Pardue, S. H. Mabe, W. S. McCall.

- Granite Falls-Robt. Fowler, J. I. McRary.

Green Rock-J. H. Johnson.

Green Valley-R. L. Cline.

Globe-by letter only.

John's River-J. C. L. Hayes.

King's Creek-Smith Coffey, Alva Barlow, J. L. Beach, H. M. Beach,

Lenoir-J. K. Moose.

Lower Creek-M. D. Smith, J. R. Swanson.

Lovelady-Millard Smith, J. Kirby.

Mountain Grove-J. Z. Griffin.

Mount Zion-not represented.

Mulberry-R. P. Edmisten.

Piney Grove-J. B. Barlow.

Poovy's Grove-N. W. Helton, J. W. Keller.

Pisgah-not represented.

Rocky Springs-by letter only.

Sardis-J. A. Hudson, J. A. McLean.

Union No. 1 .- Geo. Haas, J. W. West, W. D. Oxford, Sr.

Union No. 2.-by letter only.

Union Grove-C. L. Smith.

Winkler's Grove-J. C. Hosley, J. L. Martin.

Wilson's Creek-Thos. Bean, J. L. Hayes, W. S. Cook.

Yadkin-J. W. Woods.

After which the body goes into permanent organization result-

ing in the selection of L.W. Thomas and J. V. McCall Moderator and Clerk.

Invitation is given newly constituted churches. Delegates present application from Clarke's Chapel. Said application is referred to a committee composed of A. T. Howell and W. R. Beach. Upon recommendation of committee the church is received into association.

Chair extends invitation to visiting brethren, which is accepted by M. P. Matheny, Mecklenburg and Cabarrus association; Joseph Bennett, Robeson association; W. S. McLeod, Benj. Steele, H. F. Echerd, A. J. Bolin and O. W. Triplett, Alexander county association; J. J. Beach, Brushy Mountain association; I. C. Miller, Stony Fork association.

Chair appoints following committees:

ARRANGEMENTS: W. R. Beach, A. T. Howell, J. H. Johnson, Smith Coffey and W. F. F. Palmer, with Moderator and Clerk and visiting brethren.

DEVOTION: Pastor and delegates of Union church with J. K. Moose and J. R. Swanson

FINANCE: W. F. F. Palmer, P. H. Pardue.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER: W. H. H. Hartley, J. V. McCall, P. H. Pardue.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS: W. R. Beach and J. W. West.

Periodicals: J. Z. Griffin substituted for P. G. Kiser.

HOME MISSIONS: J. J. Beach in place of J. H. Nelson.

Correspondents report as follows: I. W. Thomas and J. K. Moose from Baptist State convention; W. R. Beach from Brushy Mt. Asso.; W. R. Beach and W. H. H. Hartley from Catawba River association.

Chair appoints delegates and correspondents as follows:

Southern Baptist Convention-J. G. Pulliam.

State Convention-A. T. Howell and W. F. F. Palmer.

South Fork Association-I. W. Thomas, J. C. Hobbs.

Brushy Mountain Association—W. R. Beach, I. W. Thomas. Catawba River Association—W. R. Beach, W. H. H. Hartley.

Stony Fork Association-J. H. Johnson.

Alex. Co. Association-W. R. Beach, J. C. Brooksher J. K. Moose.

Three Forks Association—J. R. Swanson

On motion Association to meet each day at 9 a.m. for devotion;

9:30 for business; take a recess for sermon at 11:30; meet at 1 p. m. and adjourn at pleasure.

On motion J. V. McCall is elected representative of this Association on State Mission Board.

Committee on Devotion report S. D. Heffner to conduct praise service at 9 a. m. and A. T. Howell to preach at 11:30 a. m. tomorrow. Association adjourned. Prayer by A. T. Howell.

SECOND DAY-SEPT. 21, 1900.

Association meets pursuant to recess at 9 a.m. In the absence of Eld. S. D. Heffner, devotional exercises participated in by several brethren.

Minutes read and approved.

Committee on arrangements report and are discharged.

On motion the order of yesterday to have report of committee on digest of church letters stricken out.

Chair appoints J. V. McCall and J. C. Hobbs a committee on resolutions.

Executive Committee report:

We, your committee, note with pleasure the success and progress of the County Sunday school Convention, and would earnestly urge the importance of all our churches and Sunday schools sending delegates to this body; also the importance of every S. S. superintendent, officer, teacher and worker attending. Much good can and may be accomplished. Next session held with Dudley Shoals church, beginning on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in June, 1901.

Respt. submitted, JOE POWEL, Jr., for Com.

On motion to adopt remarks are made by W. R. Beach. Report adopted.

Invitation extended visiting brethren.

Committee on Periodicals report:

We will never know how much we owe to good, sound, religious literature in the advance ment of our Lord's work in this State. The Biblical Recorder. The North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children. The Blue Ridge Baptist and the Skyland Baptist are doing what they can in lifting our people to a higher plane. One or all of these papers will help you in your home. The Sunday school publications of the S. B. Conventior should be in all our Sunday schools.

Best Submitted.

Respt Submitted, M. P. MATHENY, J. Z. GRIFFIN,

After remarks by Breth. Matheny, J. J. Beach, W. R. Beach, I. W. Thomas and I. C. Miller, report is adopted.

Prof. S. E. Garner, Principal of Lenoir High School, is recognized and welcomed to a seat in the body.

Committee on Home Missions report:

In the division we have made in missions, the home mission work includes the work in the United States and the possessions belonging to them. They say there are 200,000 accountable people in U.S. who have never heard of Jesus We have pushed the Red Man away from his home, and we ought now to tell him about salvation. The negro is here to stay and we had better build him up in the religion of the Bible. Your committee would recommend that all the churches do something for these people.

We would also mention the work of sister Jennie Edwards in Cuba as worthy of your support. Let us all do our duty to home missions. The Home Mission Board does work along the

above lines and will gladly receive your contributions

I. A. COFFEY, For J. J. BEACH, Committee.

Pending motion to adopt, remarks are made by Breth. J. J. Beach and M. P. Matheny. Pledges for Home Missions, payable at or before next Association, are taken as follows:

Dudley Shoals	2 00 2.00 2.00 2.00 50	Mountain Grove 1.00 Mulberry 1.00 Piney Grove 1.00 Poovy's Grove 1.00 Sardis 1.00 Union No. 1 Collection
King's Creek	2.00	Winkler's Grove. 1.00 Wilson's Creek 1.00 Yadkin 2.00
Lower Creek	2.00	

On motion, cash collection is here taken for Miss Jennie Edwards, of Cuba, amounting to \$6.00, which is forwarded by Eld J. J. Beach.

Special order having arrived, the Association now adjourns to hear a sermon from Bro. A. T. Howell. Subject, "The Scarlet Line," Jos. 2:21—an excellent sermon attended by the Spirit's power.

EVENING SESSION.

Association meets at 1 p. m. Prayer by Bro. J. H. Johnson.

The chair appoints following standing committees:

EDUCATION: S. E. Garner, Y. D. Moore.

PERIODICALS: W. F. F. Palmer, J. L. Beach.

S. Schools: J. A. Laxton, M. G. Shearer.

ORPHANAGE: J. H. Johnson, P. G. Kiser.

Temperance: J. B. Moore, J. R. Swanson.

STATE MISSIONS: J. V. McCall, R. G. Thompson.

HOME MISSIONS: A. T. Howell, W. H. H. Hartley. Foreign Missions: Joe Powell, Jr., F. P. Coffey.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF: H. C. Marley, I. A. Coffey.

PASTORAL SUPPORT: W. R. Beach, J. H. Nelson.

Ex. Committee: A. T. Howell, J. L. Beach, Jos. Powell, Jr., J. W. West, A. E. Nelson.

· Committee on Sunday Schools report:

Dear Brethren: In our report on Sunday Schools, we feel justified in saying that the Sunday school work is in harmony with the New Testament Scriptures, for Jesus taught on the Sabbath days. Brethren, according to the statistics of 1898, there are four hundred thousand children in North Carolina, who are without Sunday school privileges; and in one single county in Western N. C., there are three thousand Indians without a single Sunday school. Brethren, we had in 1898, 1,264 Sunday schools, with 76,342 scholars enrolled, but this leaves us far behind with our task, if we expect to harvest in those 400,000 children who are without Sunday school facilities. Brethren, this a great work. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest that he may send more labor ers into the harvest.

J. H. JOHNSON, Com.

On motion to adopt, remarks are made by J. H. Johnson, J. V.

McCall and M. P. Matheny.

On motion of J. R. Swanson, the Association extends to Bro. B. W. Spillman, Sec. State Sunday school work a hearty invitation to meet with Lower Creek church on Tuesday and Wednesday before 2nd Sunday in Oct., 1901, to conduct Sunday school Institute.

Report adopted.

Committee on Temperance report:

We believe intemperance in any form is sin. There is perhaps no question that more vitality concerns the morality of the country and the spiritual development of the churches than 'Gospel Temperance.' The sin of intemperance is one of the greatest evils that is blighting our country. We advise our churches to be strict in discipline on this subject and our pastors to preach against it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. BEACH.

After remarks by Brethren J. L. Beach, M. P. Matheny, J. G. Pulliam, Jos. Bennett, J. M. Shaver and J. J. Beach, report is adopted.

Committee on Time and Place etc, report Sardis Church as the PLACE for next session of Association, Thursday before 4th Sunday in Sept. 1901 as the TIME. Preacher of Annual sermon, Eld. W. R. Beach with Eld. A. T. Howell Alternate.

Report is adopted.

Committee on Pastoral Support report:

Your committee on Pastoral Support, recognizing the faithful work of the pastors and small pay that they receive, as shown by the report of the churches, beg leave to suggest that the churches use all honorable means to get each member to contribute something to the pastor as the Lord has prospered them, that the pastors may give more of their time to the study of the Word; that they may preach better, and do the work of pastors more efficiently; that the work of supporting the pastor is the work of the churches and not the pastor. The pastor should not have to say anything about his salary, W. H. H. HARTLEY, Com.

After remarks by Brethren W. R. Beach, M. P. Matheny and Jos. Bennett, report adopted.

Committee on Devotion report W. R. Beach to conduct Prayer service at 9 a m and J. J. Beach to preach at 11:30 a m tomorrow.

On motion the Association takes a recess till 9 a m tomorrow. Prayer by Rev. M. P. Matheny.

THIRD DAY .- Sept. 22nd, 1900.

Association meets pursuant to its recess. Praise service conducted by Eld. W. R. Beach.

Invitation to seats with the body accepted by brethren J. W. Watts and W. C. Oxford, of Alex. Co. Association.

Historian reports:

Obituaries: Bro. Wm. McLeod was born in Moore county March 8th, 1808; died July 5th, 1900; was a member of Union church for many years

Bro. Jeremiah Annas died August 10th, 1900. Was about 87 years of age. Was a deacon in Sardis church for a number of years.

Historical Sketch of Union Church.—Union church was organized June 2nd, 1814, with about 20 members. The presbytery consisted of Brethren Wm. Dodson, Moses Stansbury, John Carlton. The following pastors have served this church: Wm. Dodson, Benj. Beach, Wm. Holder, C. Livingstone, S. Ferguson, Wm. Goforth, J. J. Watts, J. Reid, George Swain, Daniel Austin, J. B. Powell, J. Crouch, Wm. Pool, J. H. West, I. Oxford, J. T. Shell, J. B. Pool, W. A. Pool and J. M. Shaver. The following have served as clerks: James Critchlow, Henry Payne, Sion Harrington, Wm., Shell, D. Downs, C. Downs, J. W. West. The church was at first a member of the Mountain Union Association; afterwards the Catawba River; later the Lewis Fork, Taylorsville, Brushy Mountain, Caldwell. The Lewis Fork Association met with this church in 1843; the Taylorsville in 1852; the Brushy Mountain in 1877; the Caldwell in 1886, also in 1900. The membership is at present 176.

Report adopted.

Committee on Education Reports:

Your committee ventures to suggest that the highest interest of the Baptists of our country as well as the progress of our State requires that our people take a deeper interest in the education of their children.

Education has now, in almost every instance, become the passport to material success. The instances are becoming more and more rare where one can succeed without education; and then education is necessary to the attainment of the greatest good and pleasure to the individual. And still more necessary to our greatest efficiency as workers in the vineyard of the Master Those of us wanting in educational ability bear regretful testimony to the hindrances to our efforts. At this time the evidences of increased interest in general education are cheering.

We rejoice in the prosperity of our Wake Forest and our recently established Female University at Raleigh, which is to do for our daughters what will tell upon those who are soon to take our places in the work now engaging us.

But that which really gives greatest hope for the Baptists of Western N. C. is the establishment of secondary schools throughout our section. We recommend the hearty support of these scools.

J. V. McCALL, Com.

Sept. 20, 1900

Pending motion to adopt remarks are made by J. V. McCall,

S. E. Garner, A. J. Bolin and J. G. Pulliam. Report adopted. Committee on State Missions reported:

State missions is that part of the work of the Baptist State Convention which seeks to supply the destitution in the State with the gospel. To do this work the board asks for \$20'000 this year, much of which is yet to be raised. For 70 years our people have been doing work along this line and yet much destitution remains in the eastern part of the State; and money given to this destitution is wisely expended and our churches will do well to consider the claims of this work. Judging from the reports from the churches they are not doing what they can in this W. A. WHITE. J. W. WEST. work. Respt. submitted.

On motion to adopt remarks are made by J. W. West and J. C. Caddell.

The following pledges payable at or before next Association are taken for State Missions:

Conway's Chapel,\$1.25	Mountain Grove
Dudley Shoals 2.00	
Granite Falls 2.00	Wm. Penneli 1.00
Green Rock, pd by J. H. Johnson50	Winkler's Grove
John's River 1.00	Yadkin 2.00
Lenoir	\$37.75

Special order having arrived, Association adjourns till 1:30 p.m. and hears a good sermon from Eld. J. J. Beach. Text: Acts 16:25

EVENING SESSION.

Association meets as per recess. Prayer by Eld. J. F. Crisp. Invitation to seat accepted by W. E. White, Moderator of Alex. Co. Association.

Committee on Orphanage report:

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspoted from the world. There are about 175 children at Thomasville which deserve your support, and your committee urge our churches to do their whole duty. J. R. SWANSON.

On motion to adopt remarks are made by M. P. Matheny, J. J. Beach, J. M. Shaver. Adopted.

Cash collection for Orphans is taken amounting to \$5.92.

Committee on Foreign Missions report:

The success of Foreign Missions depends upon God and man. We must remember that whatever amount of money at our command, that however consecrated, experienced and otherwise able our missionaries are, and however devoted we are to their work, that without the blessing of God it will fail. We believe that the conditions confronting us in China will test our confidence in God and the final triumph of the Gospel. Let it also be remembered that we are to be workers with God-individual workers. The churches ought, through various channels, to impress upon their members personal responsibilities in missions.

We would recommend that each individual member of every, church in the Association increase their contributions to Foreign Missions during the coming year, and in every way become more consecrated to their work.

J. G. PULLIAM.

Report spoken to by Elds. M. P. Matheny and J. G. Pulliam.

Following pledges taken:

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Lenoir	\$10.00	Dudley Shoals \$ 5.00	
King's Creek	10.00	Sardis 1.00	
Vakin	5.00	Sardis 1.00 Grapite Falls 2.00	
Blair's Fork	2.00	\$ 85.00	

Report adopted.

Committee on Mini sterial Relief report:

Your committee on Ministerial Relief realizes the importance of caring for our aged ministers. Our board at Durham aided 14 families last year. Is now caring for 17, with enough applications to increase the number to 20. Therefore it is necessary for us to increase our contributions for the next year. Let the pastors lay this matter before their churches and urge them to contribute to this most worthy cause.

Resp'y Submitted,

W. R. BEACH, Com.

Report adopted.

Finance Committee report:

Received	for	Associational Minutes\$21.73
		Foreign Missions, Gospel Plan 6.81
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		\$36.16
		W. F. F PALMER, Com.

P. H. PARDUE,

Report adopted.

Committee on Resolutions report:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are tendered to Union church and the friends in the community for their very kind and liberal hospitality during our meeting.

COMMITTEE.

Report adopted.

Resolutions:

Whereas, there are some sections in the bounds of this Association perplexed relative to the receiving into our churches members from Anti-mission churches, on the baptism administered by Anti-missionary Baptist preachers, Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Association that such members, if they are satisfied with their baptism, should be received into the fellowship of our churches without re-baptism.

On motion to adopt, remarks are made by I. W. Thomas, J. C. Caddell, J. G. Pulliam, J. J. Beach, W. R. Beach, O. W. Triplett J. L. Beach, J. W West and J. V. McCall. Motion defeated.

On motion, Clerk is instructed to reserve \$5.00 for services and expend balance minute fund in hand in printing and distributing minutes.

Gospel Mission R	eport from Sept. 1, 1899, to Sep	ot. 17, 19	000:
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	"Globe church,	25.00	
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Committee on Devotion report Eld, J. G. Pulliam to conduct praise service Sunday 10 a.m. and Elder M. P. Matheney to preach at 11 a.m.

Association adjourns to time and place of next meeting.

Prayer by Eld. J. G. Pulliam.

J. V. McCall, Sec. & Treas,

I. W. THOMAS, Mod.

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MINUTES

OF THE

Seventeenth Annual Session

OF THE

Caldwell County Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Sardis Church September 19th, to 22nd, 1901.

Next session to be held with Betheny Church fifteen
miles north-east of Lenoir, N. C., near Caldwell
and Watauga Turnpike, Thursday before
the Fourth Sunday in Sept., 1902,
Eld. E. D. Crisp to preach
Annual Sermon; Eld.
I. W. Thomas,
Alternate.

Compiled by J. V. McCall. Sec'y.

THE NEWS PRINT, LENOIR, N. C.

MINISTERS AND OFFICERS OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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J. V. McCall, Secretary and Treasurer.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Caldwell County Baptist Association.

The Association convenes September 19, 1901, with Sardis Church. Annual Sermon being delivered by Elder W. R. Beach from Psalms 122:1.

After an intermission of forty-five minutes the Association convenes. Devotional exercises led by Moderator.

Brother J. L. Beach is elected clerk pro tem. Letters are readfrom the churches by Brethren J. G. Pulliam and J. B. Swanson, and delegates enrolled as follows:

Bethany-W. A. McCall and T. J. Curtis.

Blair's Fork-J. H. Bryant.

Clark's Chapel-J. C. Clarke.

Dudley Shoals-J. L. Phillips, J. H. Jones.

Flemings Chapel-Jno. N. Mabe.

Granite Falls -Robt. Fowler, H. C. Mackie and E. E. Berry.

Green Rock-J. H. Johnson.

Green Valley-J. B. Estes, M. C. Estes.

Globe-B. B. Dougherty.

Johns River-By Letter.

King's Creek-J. L. Beach, Smith Coffey, H. M. Beach.

Lenoir-F. P. Coffey, I. W. Thomas, J. V. McCall.

Lower Creek-J. R. Swanson, Joe Powell, Steele Barlow.

Lovelady-W. P. Bumgarner.

Mountain Grove-A. P. Lutz, E. E. Beach.

Mt. Zion-G. E. Smith.

Mulberry-J. R. Bowman.

Piney Grove—J. B. Barlow.

Poovey's Grove—J. S. Poovey, J. M. Fisher, L. D. Keller.

Rocky Springs-By Letter.

Sardis-J. A. Woods, E. P. Harris, W. E. Hartley.

Union No. 1.—J. C. Brooksher, W. L. Roberts and J. Wilson West.

Union No. 2.- By Letter

Union Grove-J. A. Smith.

Winkler's Grove-J. L. Martin, J. C. Hosley.

Wilson's Creek-Thos. Bean, Jas. Franklin.

Yadkin-N. H. Woods. A. E. Nelson.

After which the Association goes into permanent organization.

Brethren Joe. Powell and M. C Estes acting as tellers, resulting in the selection of I. W. Thomas and J V. Mc-Call as Moderator and Clerk.

Invitation is given to newly constituted churches. None applied.

The Chair extends invitation to seats to any visiting

Chair appointed the following committees:

Arrangements: W. R. Beach, J. G. Pulliam, J. R. Swanson, J. C. Brooksher, and J. L. Beach, with Moderator and Clerk.

FINANCE: Joe Powell and J. R. Swanson.

DEVOTION: Pastor and delegates of Sardis church with J. L. Beach and J. C. Clarke.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER: J. V. McCall, James Franklin, W. A. McCall, Smith Coffey.

On motion I. W. Thomas is substituted for S. E. Garner on Committee on Education.

Chair appoints M. C. Estes in place of M. G. Shearer on Committe on Sunday Schools, and L. C. King instead of H. C. Marley on Committee on Ministerial Relief.

Brother J. L. Beach reports having attended a good meeting of the Brushy Mountain Association as corres-

pondent.

On motion J. L. Beach is elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention to meet next May in Asheville, N. C. I. W. Thomas, alternate.

The following are, on motion, appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention: I. W. Thomas, J. W. Shell, P. G. Kiser.

On motion of J. G. Pulliam it is ordered that any member of this Association in good standing, attending any sister Association be authorized to report himself as a correspondent.

On motion of W. R. Beach the Association is to observe these hours: Meet at 9 a. m. for praise service; 9:30 for business; take a recess at 11:30 for a sermon. Meet at 1 p. m. for business and adjourn at pleasure.

Committee on Devotion report: L. C. King to conduct praise service and J. G. Pulliam to preach to-morrow morning.

On motion of Joe Powell, J. V. McCall is re-elected a member of the State Mission Board.

The Chair appoints Joe Powell and W. R. Beach a Committee on Resolutions,

It is ordered on motion of W. R. Beach that the fifth Sunday meeting which was to have been held in September, be deferred until fifth Sunday in December to be held at same place and with same program.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by J, R. J. Annis.

MORNING SESSION-Friday Sept. 20, 1901.

Association meets pursuant to its recess at 9 a.m. Elder L. C. King conducts praise service. unnutes read and approved.

On motion Clerk of Association is elected Treasurer,

Committee on Arrangements report. Report accepted and placed in hands of Moderator for his guidance.

Invitation to visiting brethren were accepted by Brethren Neill Johnson, of the Sunday School Board; J. S. Gwaltney, of Catawba River Association; W. E. White, Alexan-

der County Association; and Prof. B B. Dougherty, of Boone Academy.

Committee on Pastoral Support report.

Surely no one at present doubts that it is the duty of the churches to give their pastors a reasonable support. "The Lord has ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

W. R. Beach.

On motion to adopt, remarks are made by Brethren W. R. Beach, J. G. Pulliam, J. L. Beach, J. C. Brooksher, W. E. White, J. V. McCall, I. W. Thomas, J. R. J. Annis. Report adopted.

Committee on Sunday Schools report:

The Sunday School work is one of the departments of work in the church which affords an opportunity for all to work in, not afforded by any other department. The Sunday School Convention of this Association meets with Lenoir church on Friday night before fifth Lord's Day in next month. Let us make the work a success.

M. C. Estes.

On motion to adopt report spoken to by Brother Neill Johnson. Report adopted,

Special order having arrived Elder J. G. Pulliam

preaches from Isa 54:2.

Association takes a recess till 1 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Meeting called to order by Chair, Prayer by J. W. Shell.

Visiting brethren invited to seats in the body.

On motion report on Education is made special order for 10 a. m. to-morrow.

Committee on Temperance report:

The Temerance question is one of vital importance, affecting the peace and prosperity of the country and the spiritual development of the churches. Your committee fear that we, as professed followers of Christ are not fully alive to our duty in regard to the great work of Temperance reform, and urge the pastors of this Association to preach to their churches often during the associational year on this important subject, teaching that intemperance does not consist alone in the excessive use of intoxicating drinks. Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Swanson, for Com.

On motion for adoption remarks are made by B. B. Dougherty, J. S. Gwaltney, J. W. Shell, J. G. Pulliam, I. W. Thomas. Report adopted.

Committee on Periodicals report:

As a valuable aid to Christian workers and for the diffusion of Religious knowledge we would recommend in the first place the careful reading and study of the Bible, and in the second place, the taking and reading of our religious literature. In proportion to the circulation, and attention given to the vehicles of religious intelligence do we find the people alive to every good word and work? We would recommend that our pastors encourage and insist on their people taking and reading some of our Baptist papers in order that they may be informed in regard to our denominational work.

J. L. Beach, Com.

On motion to adopt report discussed by Brother Neill

Johnson and report adopted.

Devotional Committee report Elder J. S. Gwaltney to preach at church to-night at 7:30. D. G. Barber to conduct the praise service and I. W. Thomas to preach at 11:30 a. m. to-morrow.

On motion Association adjourned, Prayer by Elder

Neill Johnson.

SATURDAY MORNING,—Sept. 21, 1901.

Association called to order by Chair.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

Invitation to visiting brethren accepted by W. A. Benfield and J. M. Harris, of Catawba River Association.

Committee on Education report:

We, your committee, are fully assured that the Baptist, of all people, should feel grateful to Almighty God for the education of the masses—especially our own sons and daughters. We can, therefore, do nothing better, nothing nobler, than to throw our greatest zeal into the cause of our public schools. They, in a large measure, serve as feeders to the many high schools and academies of merit in our own and adjoining counties. We especially commend to our people the High School of Lenoir. We should ever look with holy pride to the great southern beacon lights, Wake Forest and Baptist Female University.

Respectfully submitted,

I. W. THOMAS,
Y. D. MOORE,
Committee.

On motion for adoption remarks by Y. D. Moore and I, W. Thomas, J. G. Pulliam, Prof. A. E. Woltz, W. R. Beach and S. D. Hefner. Report adopted.

On motion the sermon of Elder I. W. Thomas is at his request dispensed with for lack of time.

Chair appoints following standing committees:

STATE MISSIONS: Joe Powell, P. G. Kiser.

Home Missions: Y. D. Moore, F. P. Coffey.

Foreign Missions: J. V. McCall, M. G. Shearer,

PERIODICALS: J. H. Johnson, J. A. Laxton.

EDUCATION: J. G. Pulliam, M. N. Harshaw,

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: J. R. Swanson, H. C. Marley.

ORPHANAGE: J. L. Beach, W. F. F. Palmer.

TEMPERANCE: J. K. Moose, J. F. Crisp.

MINISTERS' RELIEF: W. R. Beach, J. H. Nelson.

PASTORAL SUPPORT: A. E. Nelson, J. C. Brooksher.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Jos. Powell, J. L. Beach, A. E. Nelson, J. A. Crisp, M. G. Shearer.

Association adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.—Sept. 21, 1901.

Association called to order by Moderator and prayer led by Elder J. W. Cobb.

Associational Historian reports:

HISTORY OF SARDIS CHURCH.

This church was organized Sept. 17, 1831, under the name of Gunpowder, with 13 members. The following brethren constituted the Presbytery: Benj. Beach and Thos. Craig. Brethren Benj. Beach, Thos. Craig, C. Livingston, Joseph Harrison, Philip Powell, J. B. Powell, Jacob Crouch, H. Holsclaw, D. W. Conway, Isaac Smith, J. H. West, J. T. Shell, Bedford Brown, Hiram West, C. C. Pool, R. T. Flemming, J. S. Gwaltney, A. S. Church, John Crisp, J. R. J. Annis, Isaac Oxford and J. M. Harris have served as pastors. Brethren R. Freeman, Michael Chloe, Wm. Campbell, Thos. Fincannon, J. A. Hice, E. Bradshaw, I. R. Sherrill, R. H. McCall, Wm. Cloer, J. R. J. Annis and W. H, H. Hartley have served as clerks. The church at first belonged to the Catawba River Asso-

ciation. Afterwards to the Lower Creek, Lewis Fork, Taylorsville, United Baptist, Brushy Mountain, and Caldwell. The Lewis Fork met with this church in 1853. The Caldwell in 1888 also in 1901.

W. R. BEACH, Historian.

On motion to adopt remarks are made by J. G. Pulliam and J. V. McCall, and report is adopted.

Obituary notice by Historian:

We report the death of Brother John L. Laxton, a deacon and prominent member of King's Creek church, which occurred June 9th, 1901. Also Sister Elizabeth Flowers, who in her will left almost her entire property for Foreign Missions, passed away on the same day of Brother Laxton's death. Brother Wm. Pennell, a deacon in Union church, died July 14, 1901.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher reports:

Bethany church as the place for next meeting of this body, Thursday before 4th Sunday in September, 1902, as the time and Elder E. D. Crisp with Elder I. W. Thomas, alternate, as preacher of introductory sermon. Report adopted.

Executive Committee report:

We, your committee, would urge the importance of this Association making an efforts at least towards raising her part in the 20th centuary offering for education. Also that this Association indorse the action of the Trustees of Lenoir Academy in their effort to build up and establish a Baptist institution of learning in Lenoir. We also recommend that this Association refund to Brother H. C. Mackie \$7.00, out of funds on hand for purpose of colored Baptist church in Lenoir.

JOE POWELL, Jr., for Committee.

Remarks are made to this report by J. G. Pulliam, I. W. Thomas W. R. Beach, J. V. McCall.

Report adopted.

On motion the Executive Committee are authorized to use money in hands of Treasurer of Association for purposes of building church house for colored Baptists of Lenoir, N. C.

At this point Brother J. W. Cobb allowed 15 minutes to

speak, to report on Periodicals in interest of Biblical Recorder.

Committee on Ministerial Relief report:

To neglect to care for those who have worn themselves out traveling and preaching and suffering to extend the Kingdom of our Lord in the world, would in our opinion be a great mistake. So we urge our Brethren to consider this as one of their bounden duties to provide for them.

L. C. King, Committee,

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On motion for adoption remarks are made by Brethren W.R. Beach and Thomas. Adopted.

Brother J. W. Cobb, of Biblical Recorder, is recognized and accepts a seat with the body.

Committee on Orphanage report:

The Orphanage seems not to have been any exception to the general rule this year, but has shared its part of want caused by the storms and floods that have visited the various parts of our country. And yet it has, as in all the previous years of its existence, labored hard to meet the wants of the orphans. There are 230 orphans now to be cared for, and still others are knocking at the door for admitance. This makes it necessary to continue to extend the facilities to help the helpless. We believe that every church and individual that heeds the cry of the orphan will be all the stronger for the help they give. Let us try to clear our consciences of every obligation toward the orphans.

J. H. Johnson, P. G. Kiser,

On motion remarks are made by Brethren Kiser and Cobb and report is adopted. A Cash collection of \$4.55 is taken for orphans.

Resolved, That this Association express its hearty thanks to the members and friends of Sardis church for their liberal hospitality during this session

W. R. BEACH, JOE POWELL, Committee.

Devotional Committee report:

J. H. Johnson to conduct praise service at 9:30. Sunday school mass meeting conducted by Elder J. G. Pulliam at

10 a. m. Elder J. W. Cobb to preach at Academy building at 11 a. m. to-morrow.

Treasurer of Gospel Missions Report:

Gospel Mission Report from September 17, 1900 to September 10, 1901.

	Dr,	Cr.
Sept. 22. Fleming's Chapel	\$9.00	
Sept. 22, Caldwell County Associa	tion 6.81	
Nov. 8. Globe Church	25.00	*
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Nov. 9. Rocky Springs	2.80	
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Dec. 20. Yadkin church	5.50	
Jan. 5. 1901, Union Meeting	2.03	
Jan. 22. Fleming's Chapel	6.50	
Jan. 29. Globe Church	25. 00	
Jan. 30 By Check to J. D. Moore	\$42.83	\$42.83
Feb. 18. Green Valley	1.53	
Mar, 12. Kings Creek	1.05	
Mar. 12. Dudley Shoals	1.10	
Mar. 13. Rocky Springs	7.12	
Apr. 28. Globe church	25.00	
Apr. 8. By Check to J. D. Moore	\$35.80	\$35.80
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July 11. Rocky Springs Church	6.01	
July 23. Yadkin Church	4.00	
July 28. Globe Church	25.00	
Aug. 6. By Check to J. D. Moore	\$41.31	\$41.31
Aug. 7. Kings Creek Church	5.25	
Total amt. rec'd during year	\$166.00	
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Report is adopted.

Association adjourned till 7:30 to-night. Prayer by Elder J. W. Cobb.

NIGHT SESSION.

Meeting Called to order by Moderator.

Committee on Finance report as per report of Treasurer below:

To received from Finance Committee: For Minute Fund	Dr \$23.54
Gospel Missions	5.66
Foreign Missions	2.75
Ministers' Relief	2.20
Home Missions	6.49
Orphans	5.65
State Missions	10.30
Collection for State Missions	3.10
Collection for Orphans	4.55
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By Paid Walters Durham Treasurer	\$24.84
S. H. Averett, Treas.	10,20
F. P. Moore, Treas.	5.66
News—Printing minutes	18.00
Clerks services	4,60
Postage	94
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On motion Clerk is instructed to reserve \$5.00 for his services and balance of minute fund expended in printing and distributing mimutes to churches in proportion to their contributions of said fund.

The Clerk is, on motion, instructed to have printed blank church letters and send to the churches with these minutes.

Treasurer reports handling funds of last session as printed in minutes of last year. Report accepted.

It is ordered on motion that cash collection of to-morrow be given to State Mission Board.

Association adjourned. Prayer by J. G. Pulliam.

I. W. THOMAS, Moderator.

J. V. McCall, Sect'y.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Praise service conducted by J H. Johnson.

Sunday School Mass-Meeting conducted by J. G. Pulliam. Short speeches made by J, V. McCall, W. R. Beach, J. L. Beach and J. G. Pulliam.

Brother J. W. Cobb preached a good sermon at 11:30 a. m. Text: Eph. 2:13:14, at close of which a cash collection is taken as ordered for State Missions amounting to \$3.00.

On motion it is ordered that the churches at their next meeting after this session of Association be requested to take a cash collection for the benefit of Clark's chapel in its effort to build a church house. Money to be forwarded to J. V. McCall, Treasurer of Association.

On motion the query: Is baptism administered by a deacon scriptural?" is answered "No."

The reports of Committees on State, Home and Foreigh Missions report as follows:

Dear Brethren:-If we would build a great structure we must lay well the foundation. If North Carolina would do a great work toward evangelizing the world they must begin this work at home—have a strong, pure fountain head. On State missions as a base is being erected our building of progressive evangelistic work. Great possibilities lie out before us if we will take hold and develop them. Let us cultivate the territory around us. There are many places in North Carolina where there could, and should be planted a Baptist church, every member of which, if enlisted in the work, would aid in sending out help to the work beyond our own borders. The only way to save our fair land from the isms of the day is to carry the pure gospel and plant it in reach of our people. Can we, as Baptists, afford to stand by and see valuable sections of our fair land lost to Baptist interests? If not let us rally to the work represented by the State Mission Board.

May North Carolina, by our effort, send forth a lifegiving stream of pure gospel light, till no such thing as destitution remains in our fair Southland. Shall we make sacrifices for the work? When the Master said "Go ve into all the world." He meant every part of North Carolina, and this is State Missions.

J. V. McCall.

HOME MISSION.

The Home Mission Work includes workin United States. and the posessions belonging to them, and in Cuba. It is a solemn thought when we think that there are more than 200,000 accountable people of the white race in the United States that never heard of Jesus and the plan of salvation. Then there is the Red Man who has been pushed away from his home. We need to tell him of Jesus and the religion of the Bible to make him a good citizen. Then we have the Negro with us, and he needs the gospel preached to him in its purity. This work the home board has undertaken to do, and are sending out missionaries among all those people. Then there is the work in Cuba, the great work of giving the gospel to these benited people. Let our churches enlarge their contributions for these worthy objects and pray God to send more laborers into his vineyard, for truly the harvest is white and the laborers are few. Respectfully submitted,

W. H. H HARTLEY, Committee.

Great was the commission of our Saviour, "Go yea therefore and teach all nations." The spiritual condition of any church is well indicated by its interest in Foreigh Missions. The doors of the nations are wider open. Their call for help is louder. The command more important than ever before. It is our glorious privilege to obey.

Jos. Powell, Jr., Com.

On motion to adopt remarks are made by Brethren W. R. Beach, J. V. McCall, J. G. Pulliam, J. W. Cobb and I. W. Thomas Reports adopted.

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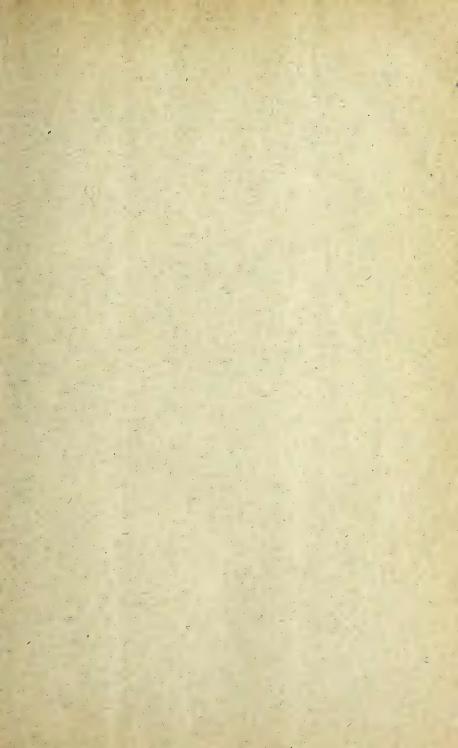
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Globe	F. P. Moore	Globe,	
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ERRATUM: -All the matter on pages 11 and 12, following paragraph 3, should have appeared under head of Saturday night's session, instead of Sunday morning's session. The Post Office address of Rev. W. R. Beach should be Granite Falls, instead of King's Creek, as appears in list of ministers.

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CALDWELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

BETHANY CHURCH

September 25, 26, 27, and 28

1902

Compiled by I. W. THOMAS, Secretary

Next session to be held with Lenoir Church, Lenoir, N. C.
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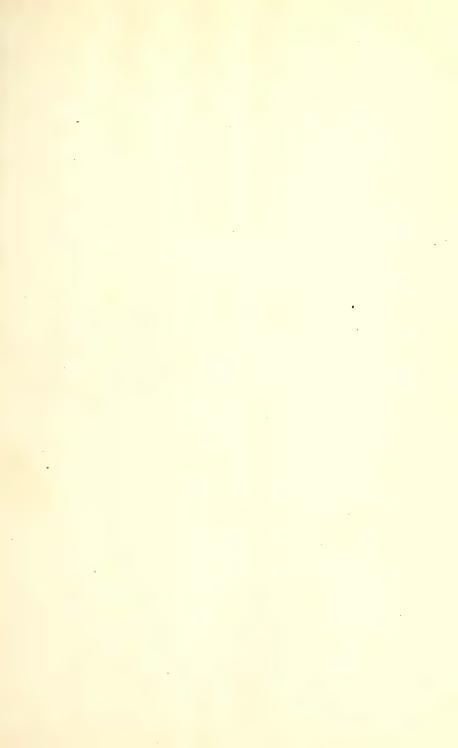
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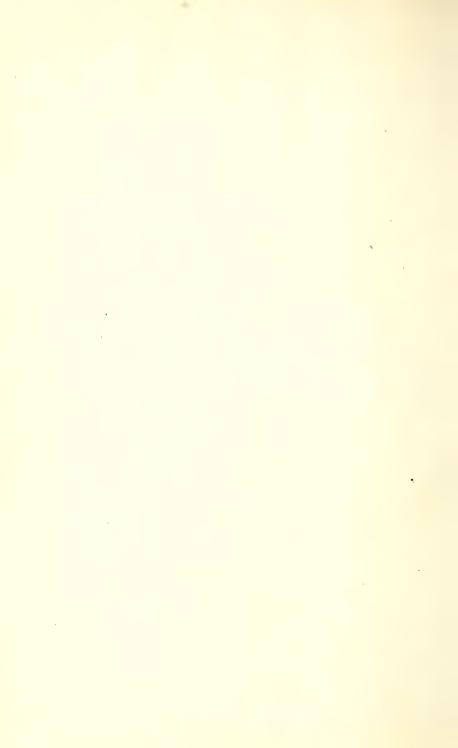
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-OF THE-

Eighteenth Annual Session of the Caldwell County Baptist Association.

The Association convened with Bethany church, September 25, 1902. The Annual Sermon was preached by E. D. Crisp from Jno. 5, 24.

Intermission of one hour, after which the body was called to order by I. W. Thomas, Moderator of last session.

Devotional exercises were conducted by G. H. Church. Messengers from the following churches were enrolled:

Bethany—Thos. Curtis, W. A. McCall and J. Wilborn Curtis,

Clarke's Chapel—Haywood Clarke and H. H. Crisp.

Fleming Chapel—Alfred Helton and J. R. McCall.

Greene Valley—Elijah Estes, J. S. Franklin and M. C. Estes.

Greene Rock-John McLeod.

Granite Falls—Otis Jenkins.

Globe—Walter Curtis.

John's River—J. M. Hartley and J. C. L. Hayes.

King's Creek—J. L. Beach, F. G. Laxton and G. W. Kirby.

Lenoir—Molton Triplett, G. R. Clarke and W. A. Jordan.

Lower Creek—J. R. Swanson,

Lovelady—N. W. Helton and J. M. Fincannon.

Mulberry—R. P. Edmiston, W. J. Bryan and J. R. Boughman.

Piney Grove—J. J. Mitchell and Jno. Curtis.

Poovey's Grove-L. D. Keller and G. I. Keller.

Rocky Springs-Emanuel Setzer.

Union No. 1—J. W. West, Avery West and P. C. Downs. Union Grove—N. J. Clarke.

Wilson's Oreek-J. T. Haves and J. M. Haves.

Yadkin-A. E. Nelson, J. B. Moore and E. H. Greer.

The Association was organized by electing J, V. McCall Moderator and I. W. Thomas Clerk, J. G. Pulliam and J. A. White acting as tellers. I. C. Miller and R. H. Pipes, of the Stony Fork Association, on invitation, accepted seats with the body.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Order of Business—E. D. Crisp, J. W. West, J. L. Beach, J. R. Swanson and Y. D. Moore, with Moderator and Clerk. Finance—A. E. Nelson and J. R. Swanson.

Time and Place of Next Association—J. L. Beach, Molton Triplett and J. B. Moore.

Devotion—Pastor and Messengers of Bethany church, with J. G. Pulliam.

Resolutions—W. R. Beach, A. E. Nelson and J. C. L. Hayes.

In the absence of brethren appointed last year, J. A. White was added to committees on State Missions and Education; G. H. Church on Periodicals, and J. B. Moore on Temperance.

The following Messengers, appointed at last session to visit other Associations, and to attend State and Southern Baptist Conventions, submitted reports: J. G. Pulliam, E. D. Crisp, A. E. Nelson and I. W. Thomas visited the Three Forks; J. W. West the Alexander County, and W. R. Beach the South Fork Associations.

J. L. Beach, W. R. Beach, G. H. Church and Molton Triplett attended the Southern Baptist Convention.

I. W. Thomas attended State Convention, and pledged \$25.00 in behalf of the Caldwell County Association, to help pay off the indebtedness on our Baptist Female University

at Raleigh, N. C., and the following churches have contributed to the pledge: Lower Creek, \$6.25; Yadkin, \$2.30; Blair's Fork, \$1.20; Fleming Chapel, \$1.05; Union, \$1.10; Wilson's Creek, \$2.00; King's Creek, \$5.60; Granite Falls, \$3.75, and Lenoir about \$15.00, making nearly \$40.00, which amounts have been forwarded and duly acknowledged.

Appointed I. W. Thomas a Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention, and W. R. Beach alternate,

Appointed E. D. Crisp, Molton Triplett and J. B. Moore Messengers to Baptist State Convention.

On motion, any of our brethren attending sister Associations are requested to report themselves as correspondents from this body.

J. V. McCall was re-elected a member of the State Mission Board from this Association.

It was moved that the Association meet at 9 a.m. for prayer and praise; 9:30 for business; adjourn to hear a sermon at 11:30; meet at 1:30 p.m. for business, and adjourn at pleasure.

Committee on Devotional Exercises report W. R. Beach to conduct the religious exercises tomorrow morning and J. G. Pulliam to preach at 11:30.

J. A. White was introduced to the Association, and spoke briefly to the body in the interest of the Lenoir Academy.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. tomorrow.

Prayer by J. A. White.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Read, corrected and approved minutes of yesterday. Called roll of Messengers and marked absentees. Read and adopted order of business as prepared by committee of arrangement.

Committee on Ministerial Relief submitted the following report:

A recent report of Bro. McDuffie shows that the contributions of the State Convention to aged ministers' relief were more than \$100 less than last year. The Caldwell

Association is, in part, responsible for this falling off in contributions. Only two churches have reported anything for this object, and they only \$3.90. Several reasons might be given for this, but the most prominent is the lack of interest on the part of our pastors. This object will enlist the sympathy of any people who are informed in regard to its needs. We urge all the churches to take, at least, one collection during the year for this most worthy object, as requested by the Board which has this work in charge.

W. R. Beach.

Pending the adoption of the report, W. R. Beach and others made remarks.

On motion a cash collection was taken for above object, amounting to \$4.47. Report adopted.

Committee on Pastoral Support was given till afternoon to report.

Committee on Sunday Schools submitted the following report:

Your committee, feeling the great importance of Sunday School work, would urge, as a means of accomplishing the greatest good, that every member of our churches, old and young, engage in this work zealously. We must study God's word to know our duty and His will concerning us, that we may be fruitful in every good work and that we may sow seeds of truth that will bear abundant fruit in upbuilding our Master's cause. Therefore we request all the Pastors in this Association to urge all parents and heads of families to attend the Sunday School.

J. R. SWANSON.

J. R. Swanson, G. H. Church, I. C. Miller and others spoke interestedly in behalf of Sunday Schools. Report adopted and further discussion deferred till Sunday morning mass meeting.

Report on Education was postponed till afternoon session.

Committee on Temperance offered following report:

There is no subject that more vitally concerns State, Community or Church than Temperance. Your committee insists that we, as christians and churches, carry out the teachings of the Bible on the Temperance question. The sin of intemperance is the greatest evil in the world. We advise that our churches endeavor to exterminate this evil from the world.

J. B. Moore.

After stirring speeches by E. D. Crisp and I. C. Miller the report was adopted.

Special order having arrived, J. G. Pulliam preached an edifying sermon from Rom. 8, 28.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by J. A. White. Extended an invitation to visitors. Wm. Elrod, of Three Forks, Thos. Robbins, of Stony Fork, and Sherrill McLeod, of Alexander County Associations, accepted seats with the body.

Committee on Education presented the following report:

Interest in Education throughout North Carolina is marked. Never before in the history of the State has there been anything like it. The awakening is widespread and important. It is extending to all classes, and in this, as well as other features, it is commendable. have the honor of being the pioneers in this movement. They have stood and now stand for the education of the masses. It behooves us to do all possible to crystallize and to direct this thought for the benefit of boys and girls now living, and also for future generations. The great need in shaping this work is academies, well located, equipped and managed, doing thorough and first-class work. end, we recommend Lenoir Academy under the efficient management of Bro. J. A. White, as our associational school. Where a college course is desired, we recommend Wake Forest College for boys and the Baptist Female University for girls. J. G. Pulliam. J. A. WHITE.

Pending adoption, J. G. Pulliam, J. A. White, Y. D. Moore and J. L. Beach made addresses on general education. Report adopted.

Committee on Pastoral Support submitted following report:

We believe the scriptures teach that Ministers of the Gospel should be supported by the churches they serve as

"Even so has the Lord ordained that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel." Jesus said, The workman is worthy of his hire. "Let him that is taught communicate to him that teacheth in all good things." As far as possible, our pastors should receive a compensation sufficient to enable them to devote all their time to study, prayer, visitation and ministry of the word. The first deacons were ordained to take a burden off the ministry, that they might give themselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the word. See Acts, 6ch. But we advise, where a full support cannot be had, that our pastors follow some honorable avocation, as farming or teaching, to supplement their living, as Paul and many others have done, and thus make the best of their pastoral work they can. We urge our pastors to teach this duty to their churches. A. E. Nelson.

Remarks were made by G. H. Church, J. G. Pulliam, I. W. Thomas and J. A. White. Report adopted.

On motion State, Home and Foreign Missions were combined and made special order for 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Committee on Orphanage presented following report:

We learn from the church letters that the amount contributed by the Association was \$52.09; the number of churches contributing was 9; the number not contributing was 10. When Jesus said to the young lawyer, "Go thou and do likewise," he meant to lay a weight of responsibility upon our hearts and to enlist our sympathies for those who are needy. Surely there is no more needy class of people in our midst than the fatherless and motherless. Pure and undefiled religion, says James, is to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions. We may do this with our contributions; make their little hearts glad, and ofttimes save their lives from vice and make them a blessing to humanity. There are about 200 children in our Orphanage at Thomasville, dependent upon the voluntary contributions of the Baptist people. We urge all our churches to take collections in money and kind regularly and forward to S. H. Averett, Treasurer, Thomasville, N. C.

After speeches by J. V. McCall, J. G. Pulliam, Y. D. Moore and others, the report was adopted, and the following pledges made, to be paid during the year: Lenoir, \$20.00; Blair's Fork, \$5.00; Fleming Chapel, \$2.00; Granite

Falls, \$10.00; Greene Rock, \$1.00; Greene Valley, \$2.00; John's River, \$2.00; King's Creek, \$10.00; Lovelady, \$1.00; Lower Creek, \$10.00; Mulberry, \$5.00; Piney Grove, \$2.00; Poovey's Grove, \$1.50; Sardis, \$5.00; Wilson's Creek, \$2.00, and Yadkin, \$5.00. Total, \$83.50.

J. V. McCall, Treasurer of last year, made his report. (See reportin Minutes of 1901.) I. W. Thomas was elected Treasurer for ensuing year.

Finance Committee submitted following report: Received from the churches following amounts:

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Report adopted.	A. E. NELSON.

On motion, allowed Clerk \$5.00 for his services and instructed him to have as many copies of the Minutes printed and distributed as funds in hand will allow.

Treasurer of Gospel Missions submitted his report as follows:

From September 10, 1901, to September 22, 1902, I have received from all sources for Gospel Missions \$148.49, which amount has been duly sent by check to T. L. Blalock, China.

F. P. Moore, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

Devotional Committee reported J. H. Nelson to conduct prayer services tomorrow, 9 a. m., and G. H. Church to preach at 11:30; I. W. Thomas to conduct Sunday School mass meeting Sunday, 10 a. m., and J. A. White to preach at 11.

Report of Executive Committee was postponed till tomorrow.

Adjourned to 9:30 tomorrow.

Benediction by J. H. Nelson.

THIRD DAY—SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

Met as per adjournment. Read and approved minutes of yesterday. Adopted following resolution:

- Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to Bethany church and friends in the community for their generous and bountiful hospitality in entertaining us while in session.
- J. W. Cobb, field agent for the Biblical Recorder, was recognized and invited to a seat in the body.
- W. R. Beach, Historian, submitted his annual report, as follows:

Bethany church was constituted Saturday before the first Sunday in August, 1845. The presbytery consisted of Elders Smith Ferguson, Wm. Brown and Joseph Harrison. The number of members at first was 13. Bethany was a member of the Three Forks Association until the organization of the Caldwell County Association in 1885. The church has not had a session of any Association until the present. The membership at present is 107. The church seems to be in a prosperous condition under the leadership of I. C. Miller as Pastor. The church has just completed a good house of worship.

W. R. Beach.

Report was adopted.

Suspended the regular order of business 20 minutes to hear J. W. Cobb in the interest of the Biblical Recorder.

On motion it was agreed to combine the State, Home and Foreign Missions, receive and discuss the reports jointly.

Committee on State Missions reported as follows:

And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Acts 1:8. State Missions has no small part in carrying out this great commission. All Judea must have the Gospel, so all North Carolina must have it, if we would be obedient. Under God and through the State Mission Board, each year, we are undertaking greater things for God, and it is our privilege to expect greater things from Him, if we do our duty. The greater our interest in State Missions the greater will our interest be in Foreign Missions.

JOE POWELL, JR., AND J. A. WHITE.

HOME MISSIONS.

As professed followers of the Lord Jesus, and, being intrusted with this part of His work, and seeing so much destitution in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, caused by the great inflow of immigration and the increase of the different races, we ask all our churches, for the sake of humanity and the salvation of souls, to help the Board to carry out its plans more effectively by increasing their contributions and prayers for the success of the work.

F. P. Coffey and Y. D. Moore.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Nearly 1900 years ago Jesus said to his disciples, "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature," etc. Today He is saying the same to us. While the great hosts of North Carolina Baptists are doing next to nothing, men, women and children in China, Japan, India, Africa, Mexico and South America are dragging out their miserable, tortured and hopeless lives without the light of Jesus' Love, and dying without Him. Can you think what this means? Today the only difference between the poor heathen and the North Carolina Christian is, one has not, the other has, the light of Christian civilization. As we contemplate this, our hearts feel a thrill of sympathy; but we close our eyes and our hearts upon the scene. God gave His only begotten Son to die for us and them, the average North Carolina Baptist gives annually about seven and one-half cents to send this gospel of light to the heathen. Jesus said, "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another even as I have loved you." Are we doing so? If not, how are we as Christians going to excuse ourselves before God? "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments." We cannot keep His commandments unless we send His gospel to those who have it not. What shall we J. V. McCall. do about it, brethren? Fraternally,

Pending the adoption of the above reports, speeches were made by J. V. McCall, J. A. White and I. C. Miller.

Special order having arrived, G. H. Church preached an able sermon from Luke 14:23.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Met at 2 p. m. Prayer by J. W. Cobb. Resumed the consideration of Missions. Addresses by J. G. Pulliam,

J. W. Cobb and I. W. Thomas. Reports adopted, and the following churches made pledges, to be divided among State, Home and Foreign Missions as the churches see proper: Blair's Fork, \$5.00; Clarke's Chapel, \$1.00; Granite Falls, \$10.00; Greene Valley, \$2.00; John's River, \$5.00; King's Creek, \$12.00; Lower Creek, \$15.00; Lenoir, \$25.00; Mulberry, \$2.00; Piney Grove, \$3.00; Yadkin, \$10.00. Total, \$90.00.

Committee on Periodicals presented the following report:

We feel it our duty to offer a word of warning against the many worthless and trashy papers that are flooding our country, which ought not to be allowed to stop in our homes; but we appreciate the help and influence of all good papers, among which we recommend the Biblical Recorder as our denominational paper; the North Carolina Baptist as the great Temperance paper; Charity and Children as the little folks' friend, and the Skyland Baptist as the great Union Meeting paper.

J. H. JOHNSON.

The report was adopted without discussion.

Committee on time, place and preacher for next Associciation reported Lenoir as the place, Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1903. as the time, and J. A. White to preach the Annual Sermon, with W. R. Beach as alternate, Report adopted.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees:

State Missions—I. W. Thomas and J. L. Beach.
Home Missions—G. H. Church and J. W. West.
Foreign Missions—E. D. Crisp and John White.
Periodicals—W. R. Beach and J. C. L. Hayes.
Education—J. A. White and Y. D. Moore.
Sunday Schools—J. R. Swanson and A. Keller.
Orphanage—J. B. Moore and F. P. Coffey.
Temperance—J. H. Nelson and I. C. Miller.
Pastoral Support—A. E. Nelson and J. G. Pulliam.
Ministerial Relief—L. C. King and P. H. Pardue.
Executive Committee—Jos. Powell, Jr., J. A. Crisp, A.
E. Nelson, J. L. Beach and M. G. Shearer.

Executive Committee submitted the following report:

We, your Executive Committee, agreed with I. W. Thomas to preach once a month at Mt. Bethel School House and L. C. King at Pisgah. We asked the churches, through circular letters, to contribute to the support of these brethren, and the following churches and individuals have responded:

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I. W. Thomas preached 12 sermons and traveled 120 miles, and received from Mt. Bethel congregation \$11.50 and from Executive Committee \$5.55, making a total of \$17.05. He reports good congregations, with prospects of organizing a church; also a good Sunday School.

L. C. King reports 9 sermons and 72 miles traveled. He received from the congregation at Pisgah \$1.00 and from Executive Committee \$3.63, making a total of \$4.63. He also reports 7 additions to the church, and a good Sun-

day School.

We recommend that the work be continued at these points, and that the churches be requested to make contributions to help these ministers.

We heartily recommend Lenoir Academy and suggest

that it be adopted as the Associational School.

In view of the fact that so many of our churches—and some of them the most able financially—are served by non-resident pastors, and the further fact that we have good and able preachers who are without pastoral work, we would therefore advise the churches composing this Association to consider the merits of our own preachers before calling pastors. [M. G. Shearer, member of the Executive Committee, dissents from this recommendation.]

Your committee would earnestly urge the importance of Associational mission work in our bounds.

J. A. Crisp, Chairman, Joe Powell, Jr., Sec'y.

After some discussion the report was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we ask J. V. McCall to visit, during the year, as many of our churches as he can, and speak to them on the subject of Missions.

On motion it was agreed to take a collection for State Missions tomorrow after sermon, at 11 a. m.

Adjourned to time and place of next Association.

Prayer by J. G. Pulliam.

J. V. McCALL, Moderator.

I. W. THOMAS, Clerk.

Sunday Services, September 28.

Sunday School Mass Meeting was conducted by I. W. Thomas at 10 a. m.

- J. V. McCall, by use of a chart, gave an interesting review of the Sunday School lessons for past Quarter. He was followed by J. W. Cobb and W. R. Beach, who made short addresses.
 - J. A. White preached at 11 a. m., from Eph. 6:10.

A collection was then taken for State Missions, amounting to \$4.52.

Thus closes another harmonious and pleasant session of the Caldwell County Association.

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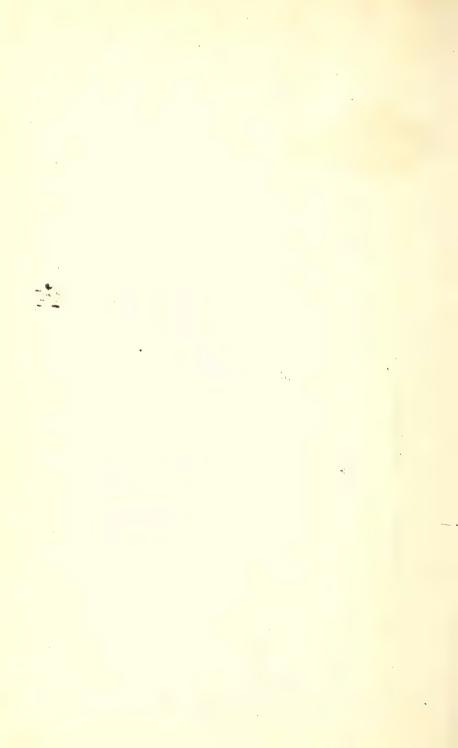
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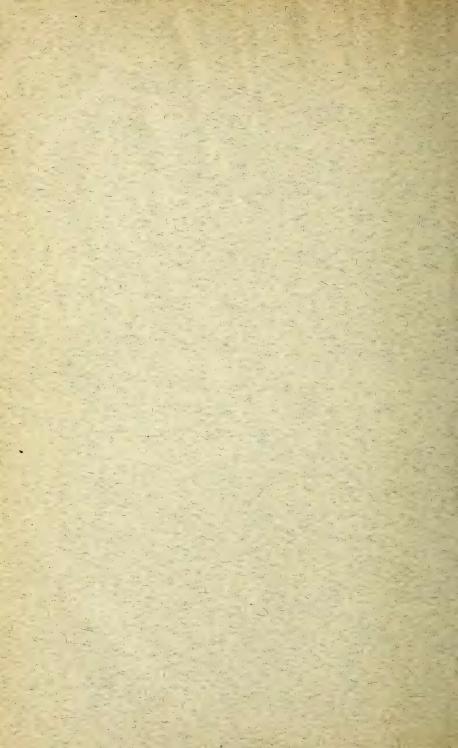
LENOIR BAPTIST CHURCH

September 24-27

1903

Compiled by I. W. THOMAS, Secretary

Next session to be held with Dudly Shoals Church, 7 miles east of Granite Falls, 14 miles South-East of Lenoir and 8 miles N. Hickory, begining Thursday before first Sunday in October, 1904, G. H. Church to preach introductory sermon with E. D. Crisp Alternate.



PROCEEDINGS

-OF THE-

Nineteenth Annual Session of the Caldwell County Baptist Association.

The Caldwell County Association convened in the Lenoir Baptist church, Lenoir, N. C., Thursday 11 a. m.,

September 24, 1903.

The Association was called together by J. V. McCall, Moderator of last Session, I. W. Thomas conducted devotional exercises, consisting of reading the Scriptures, prayers and songs, with statements from a number of delegates as to the spiritual condition and progress of their churches. Homes were then assigned delegates and the meeting adjourned till 2 p. m.,

Benediction by John Crisp.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 2, P. M.

Prayer by L. Johnson. The following churches were represented by letters and delegates:

Bethany—J. W. Curtis, G. A. McCall and W. A. McCall. Blair's Fork—D. P. Presnell, Isaac Palmer and J. H. Bryan.

Clarke's Chapel—Haywood Clarke, A. C. Clarke and J. C. Hobbs.

Conway's Chapel—John Floyd, R. O. Phillips and R. E. Hudspeth.

Dudley Shoals—B. M. Satterwhite, K. H. Kirby and J. G. Meadows.

Fleming's Chapel—Samuel Mabe, A. E. Helton and C. A. Anderson.

Granite Falls-H. C. Mackie and J. A. Turnmire.

Greene Rock-T. C. Coffey and W. T. Simmons.

Greene Valley—I. G. Greene, M. C. Estes and E. D. Cline.

Globe-F. P. Curtis, W. M. Moore and S. E. Moore.

John's River—E. B. Crisp and J. C. L. Hayes.

King's Creek-J. L. Beach, N. A. Laxton and G. F. Barlow.

Lovelady—J. M. Fincannon and N. W. Helton.

Lower Čreek--L. S. Hartley, J. R. Swanson and M. D. Smith.

Lenoir-M. C. Jordan, J. H. Baird and J. V. McCall.

Mount Zion—M. E. Miller.

Mountain Grove—C. R. Evans, J. P. Griffin and A. P. Lutz.

Pisgah—John Small and J. H. Crisp.

Poovey's Grove—R. E. Keller and M. A. Keller.

Piney Grove-W. W. Turnmire.

Mulberry—W. J. Bryan and J. R. Boughman.

Rocky Springs-M. G. Shearer

Sardis—J. A. McLain, J. D. Kirby and A. P. Harris. Union No. 1—J. W. West, S. H. Oxford and E. P. Mc-Crary.

Union Grove—G. W. Smith. Wilson's Creek—J. T. Hayes.

Winkler's Grove-J. C. Hasley, David Mull and J. L. Martin.

Yadkin—A. E. Nelson, E. H. Greer and J. B. Moore.

From the church letters the Clerk gathers the following statistics: Baptized 90, received by letter 57, restored 13—gain 160, dismised by letter 77, excluded 63, died 24—loss 164, net loss 4, contributions; foreign missions \$200.63, state missions \$14.07, home missions \$43.92, orphans \$79.63, ministerial relief \$5.40.

The letters were read by A. Johnson and Y. D. Moore, A. E. Nelson and F. P. Curtis acted as tellers in the election of officers. J. V. McCall was re-elected Moderator

and I. W. Thomas Clerk.

The following visitors accepted seats: L Johnson, Corresponding Secretary of Baptist State Convention, A. Johnson, editor Charity and Children, W. R. Gwaltney, J. W. Watson and J. D. Moore, of South Fork Association, W. H. Reddish, E. A. Poe and J. G. Gwaltney of the Catawba River Association, J. L. Sherwood and John Crisp of the Three Fork Association and J. M. Shaver of the Alexan-

der County Association.

The Moderator announced the following committees: Order of Business—J. L. Beach, E. D. Crisp and H. C. Mackey with Moderator and Clerk.

Finance—A. E. Nelson and J. R. Swanson.

Time and Place for Next Association—J. L. Beach, A. P. Lutz, H. C. Mackey, B. M. Satterwhite, W. H. Hartley, W. W. Turnmire and W. A. McCall.

Resolutions—W. R. Beach, J. T. Hayes and F. P. Curtis. Devotion—Pastor and Delegates of the Lenoir church.

J. V. McCall reported that he attended the Baptist State Convention at Durdam last year and was much pleased with the meeting, but no one attended the Southern Baptist Convention, nor any of the Associations with which we corresponded.

It was moved that the introductory sermon be preached to-night at 8 p. m., and that the introductory sermon hereafter be preached, at sometime, after the organization of

the body

Agreed to meet each day at 9 a. m. for devotion, 9:30 for business, adjourn at 11 a. m. for sermon, meet at 2 p. m. for business and adjourn at pleasure.

Adjourned to 8 p. m.

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Benediction by W. R. Beach.

NIGHT SESSION, 8 P. M.

Prayer by W. R. Gwaltney. The introductory sermon was preached by J. A. White, from Rom. 13:14. The congregation was large and the sermon was well prepared and warmly delivered. After the sermon, the report on Pastoral support was taken up by special order, and J. G.

Pulliam submitted the following report:

There is no other occupation where the same amount of mental energy is employed that the pay is so small as in the Gospel ministry. The faithful minister does not preach for money, but he cannot and ought not to preach without it. Scarcely any one believes in this day that a minister should not be paid, but the difference of opinion is as to how much he should receive. It has been claimed that where a man preaches one Saturday and one Sunday in each month, that from one to two dollars per day for that time is sufficient. This overlooks the fact that much time is spent in preparing for the two day's work, and that the care of the church is on the faithful minister's

heart during the interval between preaching days. The pastor of a church is entitled to as much pay for the time spent in preparing sermons, making visits and doing other pastoral work as the doctor, the lawyer or any other person is for the same amount of time spent in their work. Most doctors, lawyers and other professional men are making homes for their families, and also saving something for a "rainy day." No objection is made to their doing so, but very few of the Lord's hard worked and faithful pastors receive sufficient pay to enable them to carry a small life insurance. This report recomends that each church in the Association increase its pastor's salary the coming year, even if the amount is small. It would show appreciation of him and his work, and would assist him J. G. PULLIAM. financially.

Pending adoption of the report, speeches were made by J. G. Pulliam, W. R. Gwaltney and J. D. Moore. The re-

port was adopted.

The committee on Devotion announced that W. R. Beach will conduct prayer meeting to-morrow morning and W. H. Reddish will preach at 11 a. m. The pastors of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches with others were recognized and welcomed to seats.

Adjourned, Benediction by W. H. Reddish.

SECOND DAY-SEPT. 25, 1903.

Devotional exercises conducted by W. R. Beach. Adopted order of business as prepared by committee of Arangement. Called roll of delegates, read and approved minutes of yesterday. Made State and Foreign Missions special order for 8 p. m. to-night. W. R. Beach submitted the following report on Periodicals:

Our religious papers are a great source of information. A man cannot help being influenced by his surroundings, and what the mind feeds on will affect the life and character. Our children are hungry for knowledge. They are going to read something; one cannot prevent it. If we place something within their reach that is elevating, their lives will be made noble, and they will be a blessing to the world. We would recommend to our people the Biblical Recorder, the North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children and the Foreign Mission Journal.

Pending adoption addresses were made by W. R. Beach,

L. Johnson, W. R. Gwaltney, A. Johnson and Geo. H. Church. The report was adopted.

R. H. Pipes of the Stony Fork Association accepted a

seat in the body.

Special order having arrived W. H. Reddish preached an interesting sermon to a large congregation from Mat.

17:1-13. Prayer by A. Johnson.

The Moderator added Jos. Powell to committee on Sunday Schools; H. C. Mackie and J. H. Johnson on Temperance, and J. W. West and R. H. Pipes on Ministerial Relief.

Adjourned to 2. p. m.

Benediction by W. R. Gwaltney.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by J. W. Watson. Committee on Ministerial Relief offered the following report: "We have 19 applicants on the board. The amounts contributed for their support, we are glad to say, are more than last year, having fewer in number to support, we have more to give them. The amount reported last year through treasurer of our Convention was \$1,286. This year we have \$1,316, an increase above last year of \$60.00. We are glad to know the interest of this work is growing in the churches. We urge the pastors to lay before their churches the importance of this work, and take, at least, one collection for this object, during the year." R. H. Pipes and J. W. West. The report was spoken to by J. W. West, W. R. Gwaltney, A. Johnson and J. W. Watson. The report was adopted.

The committee on Sunday Schools submitted the following report: "To neglect the Sunday school is to neglect one of the greatest, as well as, the most important means of church work. Faithful work in the Sunday school is as bread cast upon the waters, your committee would insist upon every church considering this important subject.

Jos. Powell.

After a most enthusiastic discussion by Jos. Powell, J. D. Moore and a number of others, the report was adopted. Adjourned to 8 P. M. Prayer by C. C. Tompson.

NIGHT SESSION.

Met as per adjournment. Prayer by J. L. Sherwood. The committee on State Missions submitted the following report:

It was State Missions that called into existence the Baptist State Convention. In 1830 fourteen brethren met in the town of Greenville and organized the convention. In a circular letter, writen by Thomas Merideth and addressed to the Baptists of the State, the reason assigned for organizing the convention was to endeavor to plant a Baptist church in every community where one did not exist. Seventy three years have passed away, and that goal has not yet been reached, for while much has been done, very much yet remains to be done. The great educational problem in the West, the manufacturing interest in the centre and the great destitution in the East, make the demands on the board greater to-day than ever before in the history of our Convention. In order to meet these crying necessities, we must enlarge our contributions to State Missions. Instead of the hundred men, who are now trying to supply the destitution in the state, we should have, at least, a hundred and fifty. Brethren, let us write largement" on our homes, and go forth to take North Carolina for Christ. L. Johnson and I. W. Thomas.

Pending adoption, L. Johnson made an able address

on State Missions. The report was adopted.

The committee on Foreign Missions submitted the fol-

lowing report:

No work of our denomination has so much of the spirit of the Master, as has Foreign Missions. There is nothing which has so much of unselfishness in it, as has the work of Foreign Missions. A few years ago there were great difficulties which do not now exist. The doors of heathenism, which were once closed against the Missionaries, are now wide open, and the heralds of the cross are gladly welcomed. The Foreign Mission spirit is increasing in our country. All denominations are taking more interest in World wide evangelization. The Southern Baptist Convention is enlarging its work every year. The Board reported \$218,000 raised last year, and the mark was set at \$300,000 for this year. Of this amount North Carolina is undertaking to raise \$20,000. The reports from our mission fields are very gratifying. Last year over seventeen hundred were baptized by the missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention.

J. I. WHITE and E. D. CRISP.

After a strong appeal for more interest in Foreign Missions by W. R. Gwaltney, the report was adopted.

On motion agreed to dispense with sermon to-morrow at 11 a.m. and give the time to discussion of reports. Appointed J. W. Watson to conduct devotional services to-morrow 9 a.m.

Adjourned, Benediction by E. D. Crisp.

THIRD DAY-SEPT. 26.

Met as per adjournment. Devotional meeting conducted by J. W. Watson. Read and approved minutes of yesterday. In the absence of J. V. McCall, made W. R. Beach Moderator, pro tem. S. G. Stout of the Brushy Mountain Association accepted a seat with the body. The committee on Temperance offered the following report:

Your Committee feel that they have in hand a subject of very grave importance. It is the sense of this committee that, not only is the use of ardent spirits a sin of intemperance, but the use of tobacco in all its forms, to say the least, is useless extravagance. It is the opinion of this committee that the use of cigarettes is sapping the life of the rising generation, not only of the boys and young men, but the girls, in some instances, are also taking up the habit. The use of tobacco is, perhaps, the most sinful practice indulged in by our people. We, therefore, advise all the churches to array themselves vigorously against all the evils of intemperance.

H. C. MACKEY and J. H. JOHNSON.

Pending adoption, the subject of intemperance, particularly as to the harmful and hurtful use of tobacco, was enthusiastically discussed by J. H. Johnson, J. D. Moore, J. L. Sherwood, E. D. Crisp and others. The report was adopted.

The committee on the Orphanage offered the following report:

We find from the church letters that more than \$80.00 were contributed to the Orphanage this year, and more to be sent in. We are proud of the increase over last year; yet we are not satisfied without urging the churches to still increase their contributions next year; for we now have 260 children in the Orphanage—40 or 50 more than we had last year. We also have a new building nearly completed, which will accommodate about 40 more, so we see the claims of the Orphanage are growing upon us every year. Let us not be satisfied until all the little orphanage gathered in and provided for.

F. P. Coffey.

Speeches were made by F. P. Coffey, A. Johnson and W. H. Reddish. The report was adopted and a cash collection taken for the orphans, amounting to \$20.11, which was turned over to A. Johnson.

The committee on Education submitted the following report:

We, your committee on Education, humbly submit the following: That there never has been a time in the history of our country, when the Baptist people were so alive to education as now. Our schools from beginning to finish are full and overflowing. The public schools are the best attended in the history of our country; the academies and High schools are rejoicing in the most liberal patronage in their history; and all these are rushing their throngs to the colleges throughout the State. Of these great schools none stand out more prominent than our own Wake Forest and Baptist Female University; and we should endeavor to enlarge them and extend their usefulness. But let us not make the great mistake of the past in neglecting the Feeders of great colleges—the common schools of the country. But our older people need further education, and this cannot be obtained from any better or safer source than the careful reading of the Biblical Recorder, the North Carolina Baptist and Charity and Chil-These papers should be in every houshold, and may God's blessing continue with our people, enabling them to go ahead, educating the head, heart and hand. Of the secondary schools of the country, we beg to heartily recommend the Lenoir Academy to the Baptist people everywhere. It is now in its fifth week of present session with an enrollment of 80. The school is owned and controlled by the Baptists, but is non sectarian in its government and instruction.

Y. D. MOORE and J. A. WHITE.

Pending adoption J. A. White and W. R. Gwaltney addressed the body on the subject of education. The noonhour having arrived, the body adjourned to 2 p. m.

Benediction by W. M. Monroe.

EVENING SESSION—2 P. M.

Prayer by I. W. Thomas. The moderator announced the following standing committees:

State Missions-G. H. Church and J. W. West.

Education—J. A. White and B. B. Dougherty. Home Missions—W. R. Beach and H. C. Mackie. Foreign Missions—I. W. Thomas and J. T. Hayes. Periodicals—W. M. Moore and E. D. Crisp. Sunday Schools—P. G. Kiser and J. R. Swanson. Orphanage—Y. D. Moore and F. P. Coffey. Temperance—S. D. Heffner and H. M. Beach. Pastoral Support—J. L. Beach and J. H. Johnson. Ministerial Relief—J. A. Nelson and E. McCrary.

Executive Committee-Joseph Powell, Jr., J. A. Crisp,

A. E. Nelson, J. L. Beach and M. G. Shearer.

Elected I. W. Thomas, treasurer. I. W. Thomas submitted his report for last year as treasurer. See minutes of last year, page 13. His report was approved.

F. P. Moore, treasurer of the Gospel Missions, reported

as follows:

I have received from all sources for Gospel Missions \$175.86, which amount has been sent by check to T. L. Blalock in China. \$9.90 in treasury to be forwarded with other contributions next quarter. F. P. Moore,

His report was approved.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report: Received from the churches as follows:

Orphanage,	\$27.00
Foreign Missions,	7.00
Gospel Missions,	16.41
Home Missions,	10.77
State Missions,	9.47
Ministerial Relief,	1.70
Minute Fund,	24.90
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\$97.25

A. E. Nelson and J. R. Swanson.

The report was adopted.

The Committe on time, place and preacher for next session of the Association reported Dudly Shoals church as the place, Thursday 11 a.m. before fourth Sunday in September 1904, as the time, and G. H. Church to preach the introductory sermon with E. D. Crisp as alternate.

On motion the report was amended as to the time, making the time Thursday before first Sunday in October,

1904. The report was adopted as amended.

The discussion on the report on education was resumed, and addresses were made by B. B. Dougherty, L. John-

son and G. H. Church. The report was adopted.

The Executive Committee submitted the following: Your Committee have nothing to report because of the lack of co-operation on the part of the churches.

Jos. Powell, Jr., Chairman, J. A. Crisp. Secretary.

The Historian submitted the following as his annual re-

port:

Lenoir Baptist church was organized August 18, 1889, with 18 members. Elders I. Smith, I. Oxford and W. A. Pool were the constituting presbytery. The following have served as pastors: W. A. Pool, I. W. Thomas, J. G. Pulliam, A. T. Howell and G. H. Church. The following have served as clerks: G. R. Clarke and J. V. McCall. The present membership is 149 with a decided interest in favor of growth.

W. R. Beach.

The report was accepted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren and sisters of the Lenoir church and the friends of the town and community for the hospitable way in which they have entertained this Association.

W. R. Beach.

Allowed the clerk \$6.00 for his services, and ordered as many copies of minutes printed and distributed as the

funds will allow.

Committee on Devotion named L. Johnson to preach in the Baptist church Sunday morning and night, J. L. Sherwood at Presbyterian church 11 a. m. and J. A. White at the Methodist church 11 a. m.

Adjourned to 8 P. M. Benediction by L. Johnson.

NIGHT SESSION-8 P.M.

Prayer by J. L. Sherwood. The Committe on Home

Missions offered the following report:

Your Committee is sorry to say that the churches of this Association are not taking the interest in this great work that they should. The Mission of the Home Board is to supply the destitution in the mountain regions of the Southern States, destitution among the colored people, the evangelization of the Foreign population in our cities, Factory Missions and the work in Cuba. It is a fact that no state has been more liberally aided by the Home Board than North Carolina G. H. Church.

J. W. WEST.

Addresses were made by G. H. Church and L. Johnson. The Association having finished the business of the session, adjourned to time and place of next meeting.

J. V. McCall, Moderator. I. W. Thomas, Clerk.

SUNDAY SERVICE.

September 27.

Met at 10 a. m. Prayer by J. S. Gwaltney and reading the scriptures by G. H. Church. W. R. Beach and B. B. Dougherty made addresses on Sunday Schools, and at 11 a. m. L. Johnson preached an excellent sermon to a very large congregation from Ezek. 1:20. A collection for State Missions was taken, amouting to \$14 00, which was turned over to L. Johnson.

Another session of the Caldwell Association—one of the best in its history closes. CLERK.

Statement by Treasurer.

RECEIPTS:

Orphanage,						٠										٠		\$27.00
Foreign Missions,		,		,														7.00
Gospel Missions,		,			,						٠.							16.41
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Orphanage per A. Johnson, \$27.00
Treasurer of Bap. St. Con. per L. Johnson, 28.94
F. P. Moore, Treasurer Gos. Missions, 16.41
Lenoir Topic, Print, 18.00
I. W. Thomas, Clerk, 6.00
Stationery and Postage,

\$97.25.

I. W. Thomas, Treasurer.

G H Church

Ministers and Officers of the Caldwell County Association.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

G. H. Church,	Lenoir, I	$A^{!'}\mathbf{G}'$
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A. E. Nelson,
M. G. Shearer,

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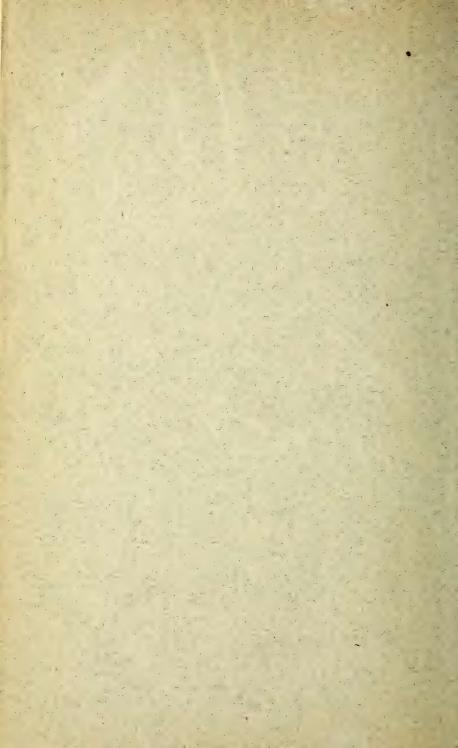
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J. L. BEACH, J. H. JOHNSON, Committee.

Pending adoption remarks were made to the report by J. H. Johnson and G. H. Church.

The report on Periodicals was submitted and adopted as follows:

We, as Baptists, believe in light; light on all subjects, especially on our own work. We therefore recommend the Biblical Recorder, the organ of our Raptist work in North Carolina to all our people. It has served our denomination for more than seventy years, and is stronger and better now than ever before in its history. No Baptist will or can do his best work without reading the Recorder. Charity and Children, our Orphanage paper, is the best dollar paper in the State, and in the world so far as we are able to find out. The North Carolina Baptist stands for temperance and commends itself to the people. The Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., is the organ of our foreign mission work. It costs only thirty-five cents per year, or twenty-five cents in clubs. The Home Field is the organ of our home mission work. It is published at Atlanta, Ga., at ten cents per year. The literature of our Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tean., is worthy of our entire patronage. Let us pray, read and work, brethren.

J. S. FARMER, Committee.

Remarks were made to the report by J. S. Farmer, I. W. Thomas, Y. D. Moore and others.

Committee on Ministerial Relief submitted the following, which, after addresses by G. H. Church and R. H. Pipes, was adopted:

We have on board twenty-four families. Some poor, others poorer and some the poorest. They do not murmur or complain at what we give them; but more would

be so very helpful to them. Two have died since the meeting of our last State Convention. Five have been added to the list and one discontinued. While the number has increased, the contributions have increased but very little. To make the amounts equal to last year's appropriation we must increase our contributions. Let us not be negligent of their needs and wants.

W. P. SOUTHERN, COMMITTEE.

Committee on Orphanage read the following report, which, after remarks by Y. D. Moore and F. P. Coffey, was adopted. We are glad to report an increase in contributions to the Orphanage over last year. Last year we gave \$80.00; this year we have given about \$100.00. We are proud of our Orphanage. There is no institution in our State so near and dear to our hearts. Think of hundreds of little fartherless and motherless children gathered into our Orphan's Home ot Thomasville. They have come from fever-stricken sections, and from homes where the father has filled a drunkard's grave and the mother died of a broken heart. We think it a great privilege to help in so worthy a cause. The Orphanage is managed by good Christian people. They have the interests of the dear children at heart. As we contribute we ought to pray for the manager, the instructors and the children. that the children may be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. At this time there are nearly 300 children in the institution, and they are greatly afflicted with typhoid fever and need special prayer and immediate help. Let every servant of the Lord help in this worthy cause.

F. P. Coffey, Y. D. Moore, Com.

Committee on Devotion reported prayer services to be conducted tomorrow 9 a. m. by J. S. Farmer, and that special prayer be made for more laborers in the ministry.

Adjourned. Benediction by J. S. Farmer.

OCTOBER 1, 1904.

Met as per adjournment. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. S. Farmer. Read and approved minutes of vesterday. Finance committee reported as follows:

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A. E. Nelson, J. R. Swanson, Committee.

Treasurer reported. (See minutes of 1903.) Report was approved.

Treasurer of Gospel Misssions reported as follows:

I have received from all sources for Gospel Missions \$158.76, which has been forwarded to T. L. Blalock, China. There are \$15.04, in addition to above, in treasury to be forwarded with other contributions next quarter. Brethren, will you not read Mark 16;15 and 1 Cor. 6;19,20 and 21.

F. P. MOORE, Treasurer Gospel, Missions.

Appointed I. W. Thomas, J. A. White, W. F. F. Palmer and J. L. Beach delegates to Baptist State Convention.

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Elected J. V. McCall member of State Mission Board for this association.

Executive Committee submitted following report:

We regret that we have nothing to report for lack of cooperation of the churches. We wanted to do some mission work in the bounds of the Association, but the churches failed to furnish us any money. There are some places in the Association that ought to be helped notably the factory work at Granite Falls and Rhodhiss, and some weak churches. If the churches will furnish us funds we will try wisely and judiciously to strengthen our cause at some points. Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH POWELL, Chairman.
J. A. CRISP, Sec'y and Treas.

The report was adopted after remarks by I. W. Thomas, G. H. Church and W. P. Southern.

On motion all the churches in the association are asked to take at least one collection during the year for associational missions and forward to J. A. Crisp, Treasurer, Lenoir, N. C.

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J. R. SWANSON, Committee.

The report was adopted and the discussion of same postponed until Sunday morning in mass-meeting.

It was moved that any brother of this body visiting a sister association be requested to represent himself as a correspondent from this association.

Committee on Education submitted the following report:
There are five gifts of education: the physical, the technical, the liberal, the theoretical and the spiritual.
The physical gift is a healthy body with strong muscles, normal functions, steady nerves and a cheerful temper.
This is the basis of a cheerful and happy life. Without this the other gifts of education are of little avail. The technical gitt is the training for one's vocation—his life

work. It fits the student to contribute something valuable to the community. A man or a woman who can not earn in the market of the world enough to live on, is an educated pauper. Such a person is confessedly getting out of the world, food, shelter, rainment, protection, for which he is incapable of rendering an equivalent. Every able-bodied, sound-minded individual ought to be able to render service to the community equal to and even greater than the cost of his living. The liberal gift takes a man out of his little individual self and bids him be more than a mere producer and consumer. It bids him enter into the thought and purpose, which the world expects, and which man for thousands of years has been slowly coming to understand, and to reproduce in the mind and heart of the individual as much as possible of the aspirations and achievements of the race, is the great gift of liberal education. The theoretical gift is a devotion to truth for truth's sake, forgetful of the individual's personal interest, lost in knowledge as an end in itself. But the spiritual gift is the greatest of all. It inspires us to look up with gratitude to the good Father who made this world so beautiful and beneficient, and to do our best by our brief presence in it and the part we play while here to make it the truly happy place he really wishes it shall be. It teaches us to leave the great institutions, State, industry, morality and church, not more impure, corrupt, oppressive, weak and insecure, but purer, sounder, juster, safer, saner, for our touch. It bids us consecrate our attainmenes to the elevation of humanity. Without the physical gift man becomes an invalid; without the technical one becomes educationally a pauper; without the liberal he becomes a blind man in the picture gallery of the world; without some touch of the theoretical he is in danger of hardening into the crusts of conservative formality, but without the spiritual he becomes an outcast in his tather's house, and an enemy in a world of order and brotherhood. Now to accomplish the fitting of our children in these five ways we rejoice in the wonderful interest taken in our public schools. Patronize them. Also in building up and establishing on a solid basis the Lenoir Academy, in which institution there are enrolled 70 pupils. We bespeak from you earnest effort and liberal patronage. We rejoice in the prosperity of Wake Forest College, which is now nearing the 300 mark. There is no better equipped institution than this for our boys, and none better for our daughters than our University at Raleigh.

J. A. WHITE, Committee.

After addresses by J. A. White, Y. D. Moore, Geo. H. Church and W. P. Southern the report was adopted.

The sermon for 11 a.m. was cancelled. All speeches were limited to 20 minutes.

By request I. W. Thomas, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, read a statement as to the conditions and prospects of Lenoir Academy, which was ordered incorporated in the minutes.

At present the property of the Levoir Academy is owned and controlled by a joint stock company. The property at first was purchased in that way. There is a balance of indebtedness (about \$1,200) on the property. which, it is hoped, can be liquidated in the near future, by sale of lots, cut off of the real estate belonging to the Academy. As soon as this can be done it is the purpose of the stockholders to donate the entire property to the Baptist of the Caldwell County Association, to be owned and controlled by them through a board of trustees. We feel that our Baptist people need and must have such an institution. Other denominations have theirs and we must have ours. The Lenoir Academy property is our opportunity. Should we, by any means, let this property pass out of our hands we will have lost a great opportunity for the education of our young people, and they will, many of them, drift away into schools of other denominations and will be lost to us largely as a denomination. These statements are made that the members of the churches of this Association may feel that they have in prospect the finest school property in western North Carolina. The property cost over \$3,000, and we can not afford to lose the \$2,000 already paid. If the remaining indebtedness can not be met by the sale of lots, the Baptists of Caldwell county ought to rise up as one man and pay the debt. We are able to do it and cannot afford not to do it. An average of one dollar form each male member will about pay the debt. This statement is also made that we may be induced to rally to this institution as our own property and our own school. We have an able, wise and experienced teacher in Prof. J. A. White. We ask the Baptist of this Association to send their boys and girls to Lenoir Academy.

I. W. THOMAS, Chairman Board of Trustees.

A collection was taken to aid ministerial students at Lenoir Academy amounting to \$9.84.

The following pledges were made by the churches to aid ministerial students at Lenoir Academy:

Blair's Fork, \$1; Clarke's Chapel, \$5; Dudley Shoals, \$3; Granite Falls, \$5; John's River, \$1; King's Creek, \$5; Lower Creek, \$5; Lenoir, \$5; Piney Grove, \$1, Rocky Springs, \$1; Yadkin, \$1; total, \$33.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m. Benediction by J. S. Farmer.

AFTERNOON SESSION--1:30 P. M.

Met at 1:30 p. m. Prayer by P. L. Terrill, of the Methodist church. Ordered the clerk to retain \$6 out of the minute fund for his services and to expend balance in printing and distributing minutes.

Committee on State Missions submitted the following report, which, after an address by G. H. Church, was adopted:

State Missions is one of the most important features of mission work. As we develope the work at home we inspire new zeal and increase the contributions to Home and Foreign Missions. Our State Convention has found it necessary every year of late to enlarge the appropriations for State Missions. And for vorious reasons there are greater demands upon us now than ever before. Your committee would urge the churches of this Association to cooperate heartily with our State Convention in this great work.

G. H. Church, J. W. West, Committee.

The following report on Home Missions was offered and adopted, after an address by J. A. White:

The work of the Home Mission Board, whose secretary is Dr. Gray, Atlanta, Ga., is the great West, the large

cities, our mountain region, Cuba and among the colored people of the South. Its work is a very important part of our missionary work. We ask our churches to support the work of this Board both with their prayers and contributions.

J. A. White for Committee.

The following report on Foreign Missions was submitted and adopted, after addresses by W. P. Southern and J. V. McCall:

Your committee is glad to report progress in our Foreign Mission work. The Lord is blessing and leading his people. The Southern Baptist Convention has in its employ and under appointment 171 missionaries. These are located in China Africa, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina. North Carolina has 11 missionaries under the Board all in China. In 1894 the Southern Baptist Convention gave \$110,799 for Foreign Missions; in 1904 she gave \$247,629—an increase of more than 100 per cent in 10 years. The missionaries are greatly encouraged in their They are having many additions to the churches and are earnestly asking for more laborers in the great fields already white to the harvest. The independent, or "Gospel Missionaries," in foreign fields number 16; 13 laboring in China; 2 in South America, and 1 in Cuba. These are all hopeful in their work. We are sorry to report that the churches of this Association are not as active and liberal in this great and all important work as they should be, and your committee is of the opinion that we are suffering spiritnally as churches and individuals, because of our lack of zeal and love for this great work. May the Lord fill his people with his spirit, which is the spirit I. W. THOMAS, Committee. of missions.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

State Missions—G. H. Church and J. L. Beach. Home Missions—J. A. White and F. P. Coffey. Foreign Missions—W. P. Southern and J. H. Johnson. Education—Y. D. Moore and J. I. White. Periodicals—F. P. Moore and A. E. Nelson. Orphanage—I. W. Thomson and J. R. Swanson. Ministerial Relief—W. H. Gragg and E. McCrary. Pastoral Support—J. L. Beach and W. W. Conway. Temperance—J. W. West and J. T. Shell.

Sunday Schools—W. F. F. Palmer and Jos. Powell. Executive Committee—Jos. Powell, J. A. Crisp, J. L. Beach, A. E. Nelson and M. G. Shearer.

On motion, took a collection for orphans at Thomasville, amounting to \$4.36.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the hearty and sincere thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to Dudley Shoals church and the people of the community for their generous hospitality to us during our stay among them.

J. A. WHITE.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT.

Dudley Shoals Baptist Church was organized July 13, 1861, with 11 members who came from Union, Concord and Liberty Grove churches. Presbytery organizing the church were: William Pool, Isaac Oxford, Robt. L. Steele and Houston Holsclaw.

The ministers and clerks of the church (in the order named) who have served are as follows:

MINISTERS—Robert L. Steele, Isaac Oxford, James Reid, George D. Sherrill, Smith Ferguson, C. C. Pool, J. P. Gwaltney, W. J. Bumgarner, W. A. Pool, H. D. Lequeux, J. M. Shaver, J. A. Downs, W. R. Beach.

CHURCH CLERKS—Daniel W. Presnell, Jr., John T. Shell, Thos. C. Sherrill, W. Palmer, J. W. Shell, Frank S. Stine, J. H. Jones, Jr., W. F. F. Palmer.

Several of the above ministers have served the church for a number of different terms. W. J. Bumgarner is now pastor. The church now has 157 members.

Since the last meeting of this body this association has been deprived of the labors of one of its most consecrated servants. "Death loves a shiring mark."

Rev. S. D. Heffner was born in Caldwell county in 1860 and was in his forty-fifth year at the time of his death. Being blind from his birth he was sent to the Raleigh

Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum where he remained fourteen years, from which institution he came back to his native county well educated, While at the asylum he professed religion, and during the pastorate of Rev. J. B. Powell, united with the lower Creek Baptist church. 1892 Bro, Heffner, having felt called of God, was ordained to the gospel ministry by Lower Creek Baptist church. He was regarded as an excellent teacher, especially in He was assistant in Mount View Mathematics. Academy at the time of his death. As a preacher he was earnest and tender and impressed his hearers as one in close communion with his Master. Bro. Heffner showed, in his last hours by his patient suffering and his resignation to the will of God, his abiding trust unshaken in death. A large concourse of sympathising and sorrowing friends gathered at Lower Creek Baptist church at the funeral services conducted by Elder I. W. Thomas, assisted by Elder John Annas.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, yea, saith the Spirit, * * * that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

J. A. WHITE Historian.

There appearing no further business the body adjourned to time and place of next meeting.

Benediction by J. A. White.

J. V. McCALL, Moderator. I. W. THOMAS, Clerk.

Sunday Services, October 2, 1904.

Devotional exercises were conducted by W. N. Cook, after which a Sunday School mass-meeting was conducted by J. V. McCall.

An interesting address was made by Y. D. Moore on "The Object of Sunday School Work."

- J. V. McCall gave an illustrated review of last quarter's lessons, using a chart.
 - J. A. White moved to amend the Sunday School report

by authorizing the Executive Committee to employ W. P. Southern as Sunday School colporture and associational evangelist for half his time. Motion carried.

At 11 a. m. J. A. White preached an interesting sermon to a large crowd from Acts 16;31. After sermon a collection was taken for State Missions, amounting to \$10.44.

Benediction by G. H. Church.

Thus another harmonious and profitable session of the Caldwell Association closes.

Statement by Treasurer.

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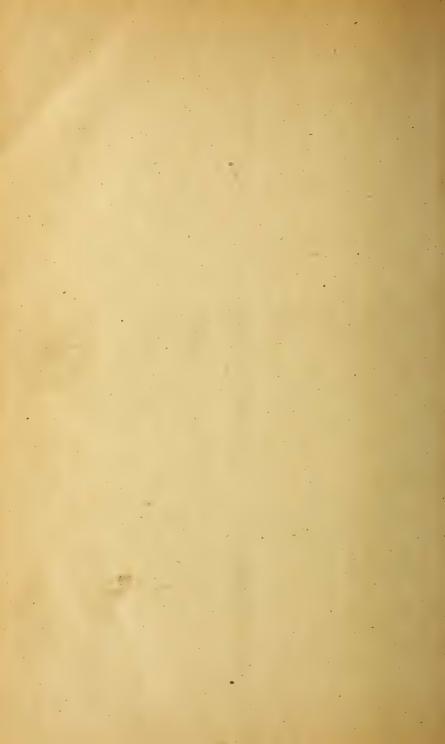
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PROCEEDINGS.

Thursday, Sept. 28, 1905.

The Association was called to order at 11:30 A.M. by J.V. McCall, moderator of last year, and after singings everal hymns of praise, E.D.Crisp read 14 chapter of John, and prayer was offered by J.A, White.

Letters were then presented and delegates enrolled from the following churhes, R.H., Pipes and J.R. Swanson acting as reading clerks;

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WINKLER'S GROVE.

W. H. Winkler and Alex. Stillwell.

UNION.

L. C. Reid, W. L. Roberts and A. T. Poarch.

WILSON'S CREEK.

Thomas Bean.

GREENE ROCK.

T. C. Coffey.

Adjourned to 2 p. m. Benediction by G. H. Church.
AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by J. M. Harris.

The moderator read the constitution, by laws and ar-

ticles of Faith of this Association.

The body went into permanent organization by ballot, Y. D. Moore and J. A. Raby, acting as tellers. The reelection of J. V. McCall, moderator, and I. W. Thomas, clerk and treasurer. The moderator and clerk both made grateful acknowledgement of their appreciation of the continued confidence of the body in continuing them in office so long.

The pastor, J. G. Benfield, of Mountain Grove church, delivered an appropriate address of welcome.

An invitatation was given to newly constituted churches to become members of the Association, when Hartland church presented an application by H, W. Williams, delegate. The chair appointed G. H. Church, J. A. White and J. F. Crisp a committee to examine constitution and articles of Faith of the Hartland church. The committee made a favorable report, and the church was unanimously received, and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegate and pastor by the chair.

An invitation was given to visitors to accept seats in the body, when J. M. Harris, W. A. Benfield, J. D. Smith, Levi Rector from the Catawba River Association and R. H. Pipes from the Stony Fork responded.

At this point J. G. Benfield, pastor of the new church at Hartland, was given an opportunity to present the claims of that church for financial aid in building their house of worship.

The following churches and individuals made pledges for the Hartland church to be paid by Christmas: Blair's Fork \$3.00, Dudley Shoals \$3.00, Granite Falls \$2.00, John's River \$1.00, King's Creek \$3.00, Lower Creek \$3.00, Lenoir \$12.00, Mt. Grove \$2.00, Pisgah \$3.00, Piney Grove \$1.00, Poovey's Grove \$1.00, Sardis \$2.00, Wilson's Creek \$1.00, Yadkin \$1.00, Clarke's Chapel \$1.00, Lovelady \$1.00, Mt. Zion \$1.00, Conway's Ghapel \$1.00, Fleming's Chapel \$3.00, R. H. Pipes \$2.00.—Total \$47.00.

Appointed the following committees:

Arrangements.--E. D. Crisp, G. H. Church, J. G. Benfield L. C. King and P. H. Pardue with moderator and

clerk.

Finance-J. R. Swanson and C. A. Anderson.

Time and Place.—J. L. Beach, J. R. Swanson, C. A. Anderson, P. H. Pardue and E. D. Crisp.

Resolutions—J. A. White, W. H. Gragg, J. A. Raby and F. P. Coffey.

J. A. White was added to committee to report on education.

Agreed to meet at 9 a.m. for devotional exercises, 9:30 for business, adjourn at 11 a.m. to hear annual sermon, meet at 1 p. m. and adjourn at pleasure.

Appointed pastor and delegates of Mountain Grove church, a committee on devotional exercise. Adjourned. Prayer by L. C. King.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBR 29, 1905.

Met as per adjournment. Devotional exercises were conducted by G. H. Church.

Read and approved minutes of yesterday. The Committee on order of business reported and the report was adopted and placed in the hands of the moderator for his guidance. J. A. Rector and J. K. Barber, of the Catawba River Association, on invitation, accepted seats in the body. L. Johnson, Sec. State Mission Board, J. F. Farmer, agent for the Biblical Recorder and W. H. Rich, representing the Thomasville Orphanage, accepted seats also.

Called on delegates appointed last year to attend State and Southern Baptist Conventions to report. None attended. Appointed J. A. White and G. H. Church, as alternate, to attend the Southern Baptist Cenvention.

Appointed I. W. Thomas, W. N. Cook and J. A. White to attend Baptist State Convention.

Elected J. V. McCall member of State Mission Board for this Association.

Committee on Pastoral Support submitted their report as follows: We believe the Scriptures teach that Ministers of the Gospel should be supported by the churches they serve as pastors. 'Even so hath the Lord ordained that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel should live should live of the Gospel should live s

pel." Jesus said, "The workman is worthy of his hire." As far as possible our pastors should receive a compensation sufficient to enable them to do the work in the bounds of the churches they serve. J. L. BEACH, Com.

Pending adoption, addresses were made by J. L. Beach, E. D. Crisp, L. Johnson and others, Report was adopted.

The special order having arrived, J. A. White preached the annual sermon from 2 Thes. 1:3. The sermon was timely and appropriate to the occasion.

J. S. Farmer was given-time to present the claims of Biblical Recorder. Several earnest talks were made for the paper and a number of new subscribers were taken with many renewals. Adjourned to 1 p. m. Benediction by L, Johnson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 1.30 p. m. Prayer by J. A. Rector.

The following report on Orphanage was submitted: There are about 300 children now being cared for in orphanage at Thomasville. Bro. J. B. Boone has recently resigned the superintendency of the Orpanage, and Bro. M. L. Kesler has been chosen his successor. The management of the Orphanage has always been efficient, but never more so than now. Some much needed improvements to the Orphanage plant are now being made--new dormitories, new dining room, sewerage and waterworks. These, with the replacing of the barn and stock that were recently burned, have incured right large indebtedness, and the orhanage is now greatly in need of Let us stand by and come to the support of our I. W. THOMAS and J. R. SWANSON, Com. orphanage.

W. H. Rich made an able address in behalf of the orphans, F. P. Coffey following with some remarks, after which the report was adopted. A cash collection was then taken, amounting to \$7.75.

The following churches pledged for the orphanage: Blair's Fork \$2.00, Bethany 2.00, Clarke's Chapel 2.00, Dudlev Shoals 8.00, Fleming's Chapel 2.50, Granite Falls 15.00, Geene Rock 1.00, Greene Valley 2.00, John's River 1.00, King's Creek 10.00, Lower Creek 5.00, Lenoir 20.00, Mt. Grove 2.00, Poovey's Grove 2.00, Sardis 2.00, Union 2,00, Union Grove 2.00, Wilson's Creek 2.00, Yadkin 2.00, Mt. Zion 2.00, Conway's Chapel 2.00, Lovelady 1.00, Hartland 1.00. Total \$97.50.

The following report on Home Mission was offered; Home Mission is that department of work of the Southern Baptist Convention, whose Board is located at Atlanta, Ga., and whose Sec. is Dr. D. B. Gray, to supply the destitution in the Southern and Western States and Cuba.

These are our own people; also the Foreigners, Indians and Negros, who must have the gospel, and the best plan to reach these is through the Home Board. We are very much encouraged with the progress of the work from year to year. Last year there were 7,526 baptisms; 9,271 received by letter; 157 churches constituted; 179 church houses built and improved; 714 Sunday Schools organized; and 616 missionaries with fields of labor. Last year North Carolina gave to Home Missions \$8,649.65. Now we, your Committee, ask our people to contribute more fully to this work and to pray more earnestly for the success of this cause.

The report was spoken to by F. P. Coffey and J. S.

Farmer and adopted.

The Committee on Periodicals submitted the following report: We, as Baptists, believe in light, light on all subjects, specially on our own work. We therefore recomend the Biblical Recorder, the organ of our Baptist work to all our people. It has served our denomination for more than seventy years, and is stronger and better now than ever before in our history. No Baptist will or can do his best work without reading the Recorder. Charity and Children, our Orphanage paper, is the best dollar paper in the state, and in the world so, far as we are able to find out.

The North Carolina Baptist stands for temperance and commends itself to the people. The Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., is the organ of our foreign mission work. It eosts only thirty-five cents in clubs. The Home Field is the organ of home mission work. It is published at Atlanta, Ga., at 10 cents per year, The literature of our Sunday School Board, Nash-

ville, Tenn., is worthy of our entire patronage. Let us pray, read and work, brethren L. Johnson, J. S. Farmer and G. H. Church spoke to the report, after which it was adopted.

The report on Temperance was offered as follows: We believe that intemperance is the blighting sin of the enlightened world. Intemperance is sinful indulgence. We are commanded in God's Word to abstain from the appearance of evil. Brethren, let us do all we can to save our people, under God, from the sin of intemperance.

E. D. CRISP, Com.

Pending adoption, remarks were made by E. D. Crisp, G. H. Church and J. A. Rector, The report was adopted. Adjourned. Benediction by L. Johnson.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30th, 1905.

Met at 9.30 a. m.

G. H. Church acting as moderator. Prayer by W. N. Cook. Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

The following amendment to article first of the constitution of this Association was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That article first of the constitution of this Association be so changed as to allow each church three delegates, with her ordained ministers as delegates ex-officio, up to fifty members, and one additional delegate for every fifty additional member or fraction thereof.

As an amendment to the Temperance report adopted yesterday, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That we favor a constitutional amendment, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors and cigaretts in the State of North Carolina, and at the proper time, we favor petitioning the General Assembly of North Carolina to submit such an amendment to the people for ratification.

Committee on time, place and preacher of annual sermon for next Association submitted the following report, which was adopted. Time, Thursday before first Sunday in October, 1906, Place, Fleming's Chapel church, 7 miles West of Lenoir, N. C., and 9 miles East of Morgan-

ton, and W. P. Southern to preach the annual sermon with I. J. McGinnis as alternate.

J. R. SWANSON, for Com.

The following report on State Missions was read by G. H. Church, and after an able address by L. Johnson and remarks by others, the report was adopted: The North Carolina Baptist State Convention was the outcome of a growing mission spirit, among our Baptist people more than seventy years ago. It was called into existence for three chief ends:-First. To supply as far as possible all destitute fields with fiaithful ministersof the gospel. Second. To encourage the study of the Bible and the distribution of religious literature in the homes of our people. Third. To stimulate and encourage every department of our work by the mutual sympathy, which an organized force of christian men and women assures. What has been accomplished in these seventy years is bevond the power of men to tell. But we have an abundance of evidence to-day that the glorious work of State Missions has grown to immense proportions, and has borne richest fruitage. When we take into account the fact that almost all our strongest and best churches along all the rail roads, running through our State, are, in a large measure, the outcome of State Mission work; when we take into account the fact that the Messenger of the cross. sustained by our board of missions, has pressed His way into the solitary place and destitute field, far away from the centres of activity: when we take into account the fact that State Missions has been, is, and must ever be the base of supply in all our denominational work, we cannot emphasize the place and importance of State Missions in a sufficient way. Your committee recomend the hearty cooperation of this Association in the great work of State G. F. CHURCH, Com. Missions.

The following pledges were made for State Missions to be paid during the next Association year:

Blair's Fork \$5.00, Bethany 5.00, Dudley Shoals 2.00, Fleming's Chapel, 2.00, Granite Falls 15.00, King's Creek

5.00, Lower Creek 10.00, Lenoir 25.00, Mt. Grove 2.00, Pisgah 3.00, Piney Grove 1,00, Sardis 5.00, W. H. Winkler 50, Yadkin 2.00, Hartland 1.00. Total \$83.50.

The Executive Committee submitted the following report: It is with pleasure that your Committee report. progress of the cause throughout the county. Complying with your instructions, W. P. Southern was employed as Sunday School culporter and associational evangelist for half his time. Especial mention is due his faithful and efficient service in this capacity. We herewith give a summary of his work: Weeks of labor, 13, witnessed 185 professions of faith in Christ, witnessed 78 baptisms, made 75 visits for prayer and religious instructions, preached 152 sermons, held meetings at Lenoir, Granite Falls, Piney Grove and King's Creek, sold 60 bibles and received from the churches and individuals for his services \$177.08. About the first of August Bro. Southern took typhoid fever and was confined about 60 days and, but for this, much greater results would have been reported. We also note with pleasure the success of our school at Lenoir under the management of Prof. J. A. White, It is also gratifying to notice the tendency of our denomination to build better houses of worship and to repair others. Let the good work go on.

JOE POWELL, Com.

After speeches by G. H. Church and J. V. McCall, the report was adopted.

The Ex, Com. is instructed to continue W. P. Southern as associational evangelist and culporter.

The following report on education was offered: We, your Committee on Education, beg to submit the tollowing: We find that our people are embracing the spirit of education, and are making great preparation to overcome the demons of darkness. They have discovered their real enemies—Illiteracy and Isolation—and will overthrow the first with better schools and the last with better roads and telephone. We are glad to report a great awakening in the Public schools—the school of the masses, and in

the patronage given our Associational school at Lenoir. We have just cause to feel thankful. The school has made an increase over last year, at this time, of twenty-five per cent, and by Christmas, the domitories, no doubt, will be filled to overflowing. We should show a greater appreciation for this, our own school, and more thankfulness to God for so wise and discreet a principal. We should keep it filled, the year round, with our boys and girls who have finished the course at their home public school. We have just cause to feel proud of Wake Forest College, It is making our people the most powerful for good in the State and nation, and we should give it our undivided support.

Y. D. Moore, Com.

Pending adoption speeches were made by Y. D. Moore, J. W. Curtise and J. A. White. The report was adopted. Adjourned to 2 p. m Prayer by J. W. Curtise.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 2 p. m. Prayer by G. H. Church.

J. V. McCall read articles of incorporation of Lenoir Academy, giving it to the Baptist of Caldwell County and surrounding country, and making it an associational school for the Caldwell County Baptist Association. The articles of incorporation, and the body of trustees named in the articles of incorporation, was indorsed, and the property was accepted by the Association as its school.

By request I. W. Thomas, Chairman of the retiring board of trustees and also chirman of the dissolved board of stockholders of Lenoir Academy made the following statements for the information of the Association, which was ordered printed in the minutes:

To the members of the churches of the Caldwell Association, I am glad to inform you that the title to the property of Lenoir Academy is now clear, the indebtedness having been paid off by the sale of lots, the joint stock company has been dissolved, a new board of trustees appointed and organized as follows: G. H. Church, Chairman, J. V. McCall, Sec. and Treas., Edmund Jones, Attorney for the trustees, Calvin Anderson, A. E. Nelson,

P. H. Pardue, I. W. Thomas, Jos. Powell, Jr., W. F. Palmer, Linsey Ferguson, J. G. Benfield, J. L. Beach, M. G. Shearer, F. P. Moore, E. D. Crisp, H. B. Moore, R. H. Pipes, W. P. Southern and E. P. McCrary. These trustees are to hold this property in trust for this Association. The property is worth more than \$3,000, and is henceforth the property of the Baptist denomination you will henceforth speak of Lenoir Academy as our school. There is some undonated stock to be paid for and some much needed repairs have been made on the buildings, incurring an expense of about \$100.00. We will need about \$250.00 to purchase undonated stock and to pay for repairs. This amount must be contributed by the churches. We have no other source to look to. Bethany, King's Creek and Yadkin have already contributed. An agent has been appointed to visit the churches and lay this matter before them. We bespeak for him a hearty reception and liberal contribution. This school is a necessity to us as a denomination. Other denominations have their denominational schools, and we must have ours, or our young people will be educated in the schools of other denominations and their influence will be lost to us largely. We have two worthy, christian men as principals of Lenoir Academy. Let us rally to them and stand by our I. W. THOMAS. institution.

Committee on Foreign Missions submitted the following report: Your Committee is glad to report progress in foreign fields. We are sure the Lord is leading in this work. The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has now in its employ and under appointment 175 missionaries or more. They are located in China, Africa, Italy. Japan, Mexico, Brazill and Argintina, The Gospel Mission plan has 19 Missionaries in the field—China, South America and Cuba. The results of the year have been very satisfactory, there being more than 2,000 baptisms. There is a very hopeful outlook for the future. We pray the Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of the people to supply all the wants of this great work.

J. H. JOHNSON, Com.

L. Johnson spoke to the report, after which the report was adopted.

Committee on Sunday Schools submitted the following report, which was adopted and discussion, postponed until Sunday 10 a.m. The importance of Sunday Schools is generally admitted; therefore we believe it is a great reflection on us, if we do not do our uttermost to maintain one in every church, making them interesting, efficient and worthy of the name. We can only do this by putting our best thought into them, and by using the best helps, and we know of none better than those of our own Southern Baptist Convention. In conclusion we call attention to our Sunday School Association, which will convene at Lower Creek Church, Friday 2 p. m., before fifth Sunday in April 1906. Let every church and Sunday School send delegates. W. F. P. Palmer and Joe Powell, Com.

Finance Committee reported the following.

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State Missions, American Agency and Agency	9.17
Foreign Missions,	4.37
Gospel Missions.	23.87
Ministerial Education,	
Aged Ministers Relief,	1.85
Minute Fund, and also well as a company of	23.80
	\$84.96

J. R. Swanson and C. A. Aderson, Com.

The report was adopted.

The treasurer reported as follows, Balance in hands from last Association for Minute Ed. \$9.84. Received since last Association for Minute Ed. \$46.13. Total \$55.97.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid W. N. Cook, Min. Student, \$54.87, In hands of Treasurer for Min. Ed., \$1.10. I. W. Thomas, Treas. The report was adopted.

The following churches pledged for W. N. Cook's support at Lenoir Academy. Blair's Fork \$5.00, Clarke's

Chapel 5.00, King's Creek 5.00, Dudley Shoals 3.00, Granite Falls \$5, Lower Creek \$5, Lenoir \$20, Mt. Grove, a collection, Sardis \$1, Union, a collection, Yadkin \$2, Hartland, a collection, R. V. Griffin, \$5. Total \$56.00.

F. P. Moore, treasurer of the Gospel Missions, submitted his annual report as follows. "I have received, since last Association, from all sources, for Gospel Missions \$202.31, which has been forwarded to T. L. Blalock, China. There are \$23.49 in addition to above in treasury to be forwarded with other contributions next quarter. In addition to above, \$12.13 has been sent by Globe church to sister Jennie Edwards, Cuba."

F. P. MOORE, Treasurer.

The report was approved.

The moderator announced the following standing comcommittees.

State Missions-W. P. Southern and C. A. Anderson.

Home Missions-J. L. Beach and W. H. Gragg.

Foreign Missions-G. H. Church and F. P. Moore.

Education-Y. D. Moore and J. W. Curtise.

Periodicals-Victor Beach and J. R. Swanson.

Orphanage-I. W. Thomas and Caswell Sherrill.

Ministerial Relief-L. C. King and F. P. Coffey.

Ministerial Education-J. A. White and J. F. Crisp.

Pastoral Support-P. H. Pardue and W. F F. Palmer.

Temperance-E. D. Crisp and J. R. J. Annas,

Sunday Schools-Jos. Powell, Jr., and H. M. Beach.

Ex. Committee—Jos. Powell, Jr., J. L. Beach, A. E. Nelson, G. H. Church and J. H.Johnson.

Ordered the Clerk to retain \$6.00 out of Minute fund for his services, and expend balance in printing and distributing minutes.

The following resolutions were adopted; Resolved, That we embrace this occasion to express our sympathy to Bro. W. P. Southern in his long sickness and confinement, and pray for his complete recovery and restoration to his work.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due

Grove church and the people in the community for their generous hospitality to us during our sojourn among them.

J. A. White, for Com.

STATEMENT BY TREASURER.

Received from Finance Committee.

For Orphanage	\$20.15
Collection for Orphanage	7.75.
State Missions	9.17
Collection for State Missions	14.10
Foreign Missions	4.37
Gospel Missions	23.80
Ministerial Relief	1 85
Ministerial Education	1.75
Minute Fund	23.80
	\$106.74
DISBURSEMENTS.	
W. H. Rich for Orphanage	\$7.75
L. Johnson for State Missions	23.27
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F. P. Moore for Gospel Missions	23.87
Clerk's Service	6.00
Printing Minutes	16.75
Postage and Stationary	98
In hands of treas, for Min. Ed.	1.75

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I. W. THOMAS, Treasurer.

Appointed I. W. Thomas to conduct Sunday School Mass Meeting Sunday morning.

There appearing no further business, the body adjourned to time and place of next Association. Benidiction by J. A. Rector.

J. V. McCall, Moderator.
I. W. Thomas, Clerk.

SUNDAY SERVICE-OCT. 1, 1905.

Met at 10 a.m. Prayer by Thos. Edwards, of the Methodist church. Addresses were made on Sunday Schools by J. W. Curtise, Victor Beach and Caswell Sherril. At 11 a.m. L. Johnson preached in the house from Luke 22.29, Jno, 15.9, and Jno. 20.21. His subject was our mission, our motive and our reward. A collection was taken for State Missions, amounting to \$8.95. J. A. White preached in the grove and took a collection for State Missions, amounting to \$5.15. Another good and harmonious session of the Caldwell Association closes.

SECRETARY.

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October 4, 5, 6, and 7, 1906

Moderator, J. N. McCall, Lenoir, N. C.

Compiled by I. W. THOMAS, Sec. and Treas., Lenoir, N. C.

Next session will be held in Mulberry Church, fifteen miles north of Lenoir, N. C., six miles from Olivet Station, on the Caldwell and Northern R. R., beginning on Thursday before first Sunday in October, 1907.

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Daily Proceedings.

THURSDAY, OCT. 4, 1906.

11:30 a. m. Devotional exercises for one-half hour, were conducted by J. V. McCall, after which a recess was taken until 1 p. m., owing to the inclemency of the weather and the exceedingly bad condition of the roads, a quorum of the churches not being represented.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Met as per adjournment. J. V. McCall, moderator of last session, called the Association to order, and read 15th chapther of John, and L. C. King led in prayer. Letters were presented and messengers enrolled from the following churches, J. R. Swanson and C. H. Rector acting as reading clerks:

JOHN'S RIVER-J. C. L. Hayes, J. A. Bolick and W. H. Gragg. UNION GROVE-J. A. Smith, Jas. Smith and R. W. Beam.

BLAIR'S FORK-J. H. Bryant, W. J. Holsclaw and J. M. Isaacs.

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HARTLAND-Hamp Williams and W. S. Sudderth.

LENOIR-J. A. Smith, J. H. Johnson and Y. D. Moore.

SARDIS-Jno. S. Crump and J. D. Hester.

UNION-S. H. Oxford, Felix Downs and T. J. Sims.

CLARKE'S CHAPEL—A. C. Clarke, J. M. Clarke and J. M. Craig WILSON'S CREEK—W. S. Cook, Todd L. Cook, Thos. Coffey and J. L. Bean.

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MULBERRY-R. B. Glass and J. R. Bowman.

CONWAY'S CHAPEL—D. G. Barber.

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GLOBE—Job F. Cook, F. P. Curtis, Boone Moore, S. Bradshaw Moore and J. B. Moore.

BETHANY-W. A. McCall, R. L. Miller and J. W. Curtis.

KING'S CREEK—H. M. Beach and J. A. Raby.

GRANITE FALLS—G. W. Houck, J. F. Johnson and H. C. Mackie.

DUDLEY SHOALS—D. C. Bolick, J. B. Sigmon and W. F. F. Palmer.

MOUNT ZION-G. J. Miller and L. M. Annas. PISGAH-Jas. McMillen and Noah Austin.

Went into election of officers, J. C. L. Hayes and J. M. Clarke acting as tellers, which resulted in the re-election of J. V. Mc-Call, moderator, and I. W. Thomas, clerk.

Invited newly-constituted churches to become members of the body, when Rhodhiss and Nelson's Chapel presented letters and were accepted, and the right hand of welcome was extended by moderator to the delegates—W. P. Southern, of Rhodhiss, and T. J. Craig, T. Jones Curtis and James Chandler, of Nelson's Chapel.

Buffalo Cove church presented a letter of dismission from the Stony Fork Association, and was welcomed as a member of the body, and the right hand of fellowship given her delegates—R. H. Pipes, T. S. Robbins, T. M. Hawkins and J. W. Hamlett.

Appointed cimmittees as follows:

Arrangements—R. H. Pipes, W. P. Southern, W. N. Cook, L. C. King and J. S. Farmer, with moderator and clerk.

Finance-R. H. Pipes, A. Helton and C. A. Anderson.

Time, place and preacher for next Association—W. S. Cook, J. A. Smith, T. J. Curtis, R. E. Fleming, J. L. Beach and J. R. Swanson.

Devotion—L. C. King and deacons of Fleming Chapel church. Resolutions—Y. D. Moore and F. P. Coffey.

In place of absentees on standing committees, the following were substituted—R. H. Pipes in place of P. H. Pardue, on pastoral support; J. M. Harris and A. C. Clarke, on temperance, and J. S. Farmer, on periodicals.

J. S. Farmer, field editor of the Biblical Recorder, was asked to preach the annual sermon in the absence of E. D. Crisp, the appointee, which he did most acceptably from 1 John, 4:17.

Agreed to meet at 9 a.m., spend half hour in devotion, begin business at 9:30, adjourn at 12 m., meet at 1 p. m., and adjourn at pleasure. Appointed W. P. Southern to conduct devotional meeting tomorrow morning. Adjourned. Prayer by Southern.

FRIDAY, OCT. 5, 1906.

8:30 a. m., Devotion, conducted by W. P. Southern. The moderator called the body to order. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The committee on order of business reported, and the report was adopted and placed in the hands of the moderator for his guidance.

Invited visiting brethren to seats in the body; W. R. Gwaltney, of the South Fork Association, R. T. Vann, president of the Baptist Woman's College, Raleigh, N. C., M. L. Kesler, manager

of Baptist Orphanage, Thomasville, N. C., and J. S. Farmer, field editor of the Biblical Recorder, accepted seats.

Called for reports from delegates to Baptist State Convention.

I. W. Thomas attended, and reported a delightful meeting.

Appointed I. W. Thomas delegate to Southern Baptist Convention and R. H. Pipes alternate.

Appointed W. N. Cook, W. P. Southern, J. A. White, R. H. Pipes and J. V. McCall delegates to Baptist State Convention.

Elected I. W. Thomas treasurer of this Association.

Committee on Pastoral Support submitted the following report, which, after addresses by R. H. Pipes, W. R. Gwaltney and M. L. Kesler, was adopted: We believe it to be the duty of the churches to contribute of their means to the support of their pastors, so as to enable them to devote their time to the study and preaching of the Word; for the Scriptures teach that they that preach the gospel should live of the gospel. Jesus said, The workman is worthy of his hire. We believe the churches should take a collection every time they meet, and request every one to give as the Lord has prospered him, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. If we sow sparingly, we shall also reap sparingly.

R. H. PIPES, Com.

Committee on Periodicals made the following report, which, after remarks by J. S. Farmer, M. L. Kesler, W. R. Gwaltney, J. V. McCall and I. W. Thomas, was adopted: Baptists believe in education and culture. They also believe in proper information. Our fathers saw the need of a medium of information, and seventy-two years ago, founded the Biblical Recorder. Through all these years, the Recorder has served as the organ of our Baptist State Convention. It is better able to serve now than ever before in the history of the Convention. Every Baptist family should take and read the Recorder.

We recommend Charity and Children, the organ of our Orphanage. It is the best dollar paper in this or any other State. Every Sunday school should take a club of ten or more, which would cost only sixty cents per copy.

We also recommend the North Carolina Baptist, the Foreign Mission Journal, of Richmond, Va.; the Home Field, of Atlanta, Ga., and the literature of our Sunday-school Board, Nashville, Tenn., should be liberally supported. We should provide such literature as is needed to make our people what they ought to be, and every church member should have a chance at our papers.

J. S. FARMER, J. R. SWANSON,

Committee.

The following report on the Orphanage was submitted, and, after an address by M. L. Kesler, and pledges taken, was adopted: We are glad to report our Orphanage in health and growing. The number of children at present is 333; number of employeesmales, 7; females, 21; teachers in Graded school, 9. The Orphanage has 400 acres of land, worth \$15,000; buildings worth \$60,000, and an invested fund of \$102,000, making a total value of \$177,000. Stock-milk cows, 15; mules, 4, and horses, 1. The circulation of Charity and Children is 10,250 copies. 356 Sunday schools contribute monthly to the Orphanage. Recently a steam laundy was put in operation. The present indebtedness on the institution is about \$6,000. This was brought about largely by epidemics of typhoid and pneumonia fevers, which called for a better sewerage system. and more and better water, and by the installation of the laundry plant, with the purchase of additional lands. Let us be true to our Orphanage, and give it our sympathy, prayers and contributions. I. W. THOMAS, Com.

The following are the pledges to be paid during the year:
Blair's Fork, 5.00; Clarke's Chapel, 2.00; Fleming Chapel, 3.00;
Greene Valley, 4.00; Globe, 15.00; Hartland, 1.00; John's River,
2.00; King's Creek, 10.00; Lenoir, 25.00; Lower Creek, 10.00; Sardis, 2.00; Mountain Grove, 2.00; Union, 5.00; Winkler's Grove, 2.50;
Wilson's Creek, 2.00; Nelson's Chapel, 2.00; Buffalo Cove, 4.00;
Rhodhiss, 3.00; Mulberry, 5.00; Dudley shoals, 5.00. Total, 117,50.
A cash collection was taken for the Orphanage, amounting to \$6.

Adjourned to 1 p. m. Benediction by M. L. Kesler.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

I p. m. Met as per adjournment. Prayer by W. R. Gwaltney. Committee on Ministerial Relief submitted the following report, which, after addresses by R. T. Vann, W. R. Gwaltney and F. P. Coffey, was adopted: The Baptists of North Carolina have a Ministerial Relief Board located at Durham, N. C., for the purpose of aiding aged and wornout preachers, who have been faithful servants of God, and have not a sufficient amount of the necessaries of life to make them a comfortable support. There are now about thirty families being helped by this board. This is one of the most worthy objects of our convention, and should receive our hearty support. We cannot afford to neglect it; for God will hold us responsible for the care of His needy servants. We ask the pastors and deacons to see to it that the churches contribute liberally to this worthy cause.

F. P. COFFEY, L. C. KING, Committee. Elected J. V. McCall member of the State Mission Board for this Association.

Committee on Temperance offered the foilowing report, which, after discussion by J. H. Johnson, J. V. McCall, R. T. Vann, W. R. Gwaltney and R. H. Pipes, was adopted: All recognized authorities concur in the statement that life is shortened and disease induced and the body very materially injured by indulgence in alcoholic liquors. Figures show 100,000 deaths directly, and many more can be accounted for indirectly, annually, from alcohol's reign. Then think of the financial loss, estimated that:

From drunkenness, 50 per cent., to sober men 5 per cent.. pauperism 1 per cent., insanity and disability 25 per cent., sickness 14 per cent., labor of liquor makers 40 per cent., total 145.5 per cent. Thus the indirect cost is 145.5 per cent. of the direct cost. The direct cost for the year 1905 was nearly \$1,172,493, which, added to the indirect cost, would make the enormous sum of \$2,804,758. and yet no account is taken of the cost of buildings, and machinery for making the liquors, nor of insurance, taxes, rentals, time of liquor dealers, clerk hire and many other necessary expenditures. Under the circumstances, what is the wise thing for us all to do? Leaving the social and moral aspect of the matter entirely untouched, and considering only our physical and financial interest, would it not be the part of wisdom to make up our minds, once and for all, to use every possible effort to abolish the Saloon? Every member of this Association is earnestly requested to study the question prayerfully with their minds on the church's and nation's welfare, and decide what should be their own action. We earnestly insist that the members of our churches take a decided stand against the evils of intemperance in all its forms.

J. M. Harris, A. C. Clarke, W. N. Cook,

The following Sunday School report was offered, and made special order for Sunday 10 A. M.; The Sunday school work is one of the greatest works to be considered in our Association, as a large per cent of the baptisms have come directly from this work. We would, therefore, urge upon the brethren the importance of having a good Sunday school in every church and community; special notice should be taken of the responsibility that rests upon the teachers in this great work. A teacher cannot hope to accomplish the best results without special preparation,

H. M. BEACH, Com.

The following report on Home Missions was submitted, and, after discussion by R. T. Vann and W. R. Gwaltney, was adopted; The work of the Home Mission Board, whose secretary is Dr.

Gray, Atlanta, Ga., is the Great West, the large cities, our mountain region, Cuba and among the colored people of the South. Its work is a very important part of our missionary work. We ask our churches to support the work of this Board, both with their prayers and contributions.

J. A. WHITE, Com.

The Clerk is unable to find any report on Home Missions; and is of the opinion none was offered, as neither of the committee was present, and no one was substituted; therefore, he has taken the liberty to insert the brief, concise and pointed report of J. A. White at the session of 1904.

J. M. Harris and W. P. Patton, of the Catawba River Association, accepted seats with the body.

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For report of receipts and disbursements at last session, see minutes of 1905. The report was approved.

Committee on time, place and preacher of annual sermon for next session, reported Mulberry church as the place, Tuesday before first Sunday in October as the time, and W. P. Southern, preacher of annual sermon, with W. N. Cook as alternate. The report was amended by striking out Tuesday and inserting Thursday.

Granted a letter of dismission to Union (colored) church to unite with some other Association.

The Committee on Devotion named W. N. Cook to conduct prayer meeting tomorrow morning, and W. R. Gwaltney to preach at 11 a. m.

Made the report on education special order for 10 a.m. tomorrow. Adjourned. Benediction by R. T. Vann.

SATURDAY, OCT. 6, 1906.

10 a. m. Owing to the rainy morning, the body was half hour late. Devotion was conducted by W. N. Cook. The Moderator called the body to order and prayer was offered by W. R. Gwaltney. Read and approved minutes of yesterday. Special order having arrived, Y. D. Moore read the following report on education, which, after addresses by Y. D. Moore, J. A. White, W. R. Gwaltney and R. T. Vann, was adopted: The spirit of education is growing stronger all over our land. The public schools of this

county, so far this year, are making the best report for enrollment and average attendance in their history. Our High school at Lenoir, under the management of Rev. J. A. White, made a fine opening with the brightest prospects for a successful term for Prof. White and the Baptist people. Wake Forest College, with its great crowd of young men from this State and all over the South, is attracting more attention than ever before. Our University at Raleigh for young women, is full to overflowing of that class which is to make our teachers and mothers. This is as it should be. Let us encourage the better movement for education of mind. morals and body. Our people should make every effort to secure pious teachers for the public schools, and as soon as our children are prepared, place them in the High school at Lenoir for preparation for Wake Forest and the University for young women at Raleigh. We are specially proud of the advancement we are making at our High school at Lenoir. Since this Association last met, we have added much improvement to the equipment of the buildings and the comforts of the students. These consist of some much-needed repairs and the putting in of electric lights. have been made for a considerable enlargement of the building, and sufficient funds raised to insure that the work will be done. We wish our people to rally to the support of this school. Seeing to it that our children faithfully attend the public schools, and that our young men and women attend faithfully the High school at Lenoir to prepare for Wake Forest and the University for women. is making the Baptists the leaders of education in the county as Y. D. MOORE, Com. they are in the State.

Special order having arrived, it was moved to dispense with the sermon, and hear Dr. Vann, President of the University for Young Women at Raleigh, on the subject of education. After the very able address by Dr. Vann, W. R. Gwaltney led in prayer.

Adjourned to 1 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met as per adjournment. E. A. Poe led in prayer. E. A. Poe and J. G. Benfield, of the Catawba River, with J. S. Gwaltney, accepted seats in the body. The discussion of education was resumed by J. V. McCall, E. A. Poe and others.

J. A. White, principal of Lenoir Academy, submitted, in substance, the following as his annual report: During the past scholastic year, in all the departments of our school, there were about 200 pupils enrolled, a large number of whom were boarding pupils. The work done was thorough and satisfactory. The pupils deported themselves commendably. Prof. J. W. Curtis was my assistant last year. Prof. W. T. Beach is my assistant this year. We

need more room for boarding pupils, for teaching purposes and for entertainments. We hope to add a room to the south side of the present building, 40x40, two stories high, the first floor to be for an auditorium. The contemplated building will cost about \$2,500. The Home Mission Board, in its educational work, has agreed to give us \$750.00 on the completion of the building. Several hundred dollars have already been subscribed by brethren of this Association and friends of education in other sections. We ask the brethren and sisters of this Association to come to the help of their own school with their patronage, their prayers and their money.

J. A. WHITE.

On motion, the reports on State and Foreign Missions were combined and discussed together. The following are the reports:

STATE MISSIONS.

"The annual report of the Board of the Convention is a vindication of the wisdom of putting money into State Missions. Last year, for instance, there were 2,374 conversions, 1,460 baptisms. 49 houses of worship building and 19 finished. The total amount raised on these mission fields was \$39,640.41; and all this was done by an expenditure of \$30,000. Besides this, from every church that became self-sustaining last year, there will run a golden stream perpetually into the treasury of the Lord. During the last five years our total contributions to the objects of the Convention have run up from \$51,105.04 to \$94,095.49—an increase of nearly 100 per cent. This increase has come largely from the churches that have been and are being aided by the Board." The above we have clipped from an article by Secretary Johnson in Biblical Recorder of Sept. 26. Our Association gave to State Missions in 1904, \$65.92; in 1905, \$162.38. Nine of our churches have contributed to State Missions this year \$214.00. The Board gave to the work of our county this year \$250.00. We recommend that the Sunday schools contribute once a month to State Missions.

W. P. SOUTHERN, Com.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Heavenly Father so loved a lost world that he gave his only son to die, not for a part, but all of it. He has committed to His people the work of telling those who have never heard of His saving love. Every church of Christ and every Christian is under solemn obligations to do everything possible to give the Gospel to all men. Our Lord, in great love for us and compassion for the heathen, commands us to give them the Gospel. How can we expect His blessing if we disobey? Southern Baptists, on an average, give only a little over 17 cents a year to this work. It is a shame. If we really believe in it and only try, we can easily av-

erage a dollar each. The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has now under appointment about 490 workers—190 missionaries and 300 native helpers. These reported 3,446 converts baptized last year. The missionaries are very hopeful and enthusiastic. Great changes are taking place in foreign lands, and our workers believe that soon multitudes will turn unto the Lord. Glorious revivals are reported on some fields. The churches, working under the direction of the Foreign Mission Board, contributed \$324,000 last year. Tue missionaries on all the fields are begging for reinforcements. They are overworked and need help. Many well-trained young people want to go. Let us pray and work and give, that these needs may be supplied. We would recommend that all our churches seek to inform themselves and rally around this great work, for which our Sovior died and to which He has called His people.

J. A. WHITE, Com.

These reports were spoken to by W. P. Southern, J. A. White and I. W. Thomas, and adopted.

W. P. Southern, Associational Missionary, submitted his report as follows: Dear Brethren, I have held eight meetings, labored seventy-four days, preached 151 sermons, witnessed 81 professions of faith in Christ, 71 baptisms and five restored to fellowship. The churches have paid me \$119.44, and individuals have paid me \$36.44, making a total of \$155.88. In addition to this, I have pledges and cash with which to buy a tent, amounting to \$98.

W. P. SOUTHERN.

The Finance Committee offered the following report, which was adopted:

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R. H. PIPES, C. A. ANDERSON.

Committee.

Allowed the clerk \$6.00 for his services, and directed him to expend balance of minute fund in his hands for printing and distributing minutes to the churches, and in having the Associational Minutes of the last ten sessions of this body bound into one volume for better preservation—the minutes of the first twelve sessions having already been bound in a volume.

J. A. White, Associational Historian, was given further time

to prepare his annual report, but, up to this time, his report has not reached the clerk. The clerk inserts here for the historian two brief obituary notices. Since our last session, J. Wilson West, a faithful and beloved member of Union church, has been called from labor to rest. He was between 55 and 60 years of age. He was the efficient clerk of his church for many years, and is greatly missed by church and by this Association, to which he had been a delegate almost every year from its organization. He leaves a wife and two daughters to mourn his loss, but they sorrow not as those who have no hope.

Also since we last met in annual session, our beloved brother, J. A. Crisp, a member of Lenoir church, has entered into rest. He was between 50 and 60 years of age. He was a man of cossiderable prominence, having held a number of places of trust. He represented in the Legislature of North Carolina, both Caldwell and Watauga counties, once each. A wife and several children survive him. Bro. Crisp was a large hearted, useful and influential man, and will be greatly missed.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees: State Missions—I. W. Thomas and G. H. Church. Home Missions—W. P. Southern and F. P. Coffey. Foreign Missions—J. A. White and E. D. Crisp. Education—Y. D. Moore and J. W. Whisnant. Orphanage—F. P. Moore and Victor Beach. Ministerial Relief—J. H. Johnson and J. N. Mabe. Pastoral Support—J. L. Beach and W. F. Palmer. Temperance—R. H. Pipes and H. M. Beach. Sunday Schools—W. T. Beach and W. N. Cook. Executive Committee—Jos. Powell, Jr., J. L. Beach, A. E. Nelson, J. H. Johnson and G. H. Church.

The Association instructed the Executive Committee to continue W. P. Southern as Associational Missionary.

The following resolution of thanks was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That our sincere thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the members of Fleming Chapel church and friends in the community for their generous hospitality and kindness to us during our stay among them.

F. P. Moore, treasurer of Gospel Missions, submitted the following report: To the Caldwell County Association: I have received, since last session, from all sources, for Gospel Missions, \$210.81; also \$13.00 for Miss Jennie Edwards in Cuba.

F. P. MOORE, Treasurer.

The report was approved.

The committee on Devotion reported as follows: W. P. Southern to preach at 11 a. m. tomorrow, and E. A. Poe at 1 p. m. Agreed to take a collection for State Missions at close of sermon

at 11 a. m. tomorrow. On motion, adjourned to time and place of next meeting. Prayer by W. P. S uthern.

J. V. McCALL, Moderator.

I. W. THOMAS, Clerk.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

10 a. m. Sunday school mass meeting was called to order by W. P. Southern. Prayer by H. C. Moore. H. C. Moore, corresponding secretary of our State Sunday school Board, was present and made welcome. The Sunday school report was read by H. M. Beach, and ably discussed by H. C. Moore. After singing and prayer, H. C. Moore preached most acceptably on the "Missionary Spirit" from John 20:21 and Acts 1:8. A collection was taken for State Missions, amounting to \$5.15. At 1 p. m. E. A. Poe preached in the meeting house and W. P. Southern preached in the grove at same hour. Thus another pleasant and harmonious session has closed.

P. S.—The clerk regrets being so late in getting the minutes to the churches, but he has done the best he could under all the circumstances. Please preserve your copy of the minutes. It may be useful to you some time as a reference or as history.

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October, 3-6, 1907.

Compiled by I. W. Thomas, Secretary.

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List of Ordained and Licensed Preachers and Officers of Caldwell County Baptist Association.

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PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, October 3, 11 A. M., 1907.

In the absence of W. P. Southern, the appointee to preach the annual sermon, by request, J. L. Sherwood preached from I Kings, 19:4. The sermon was timely and appropriate to the occasion. I. C. Miller led in prayer.

A recess of one hour was taken. Benediction by J.

L. Sherwood.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order by J. N. McCall, Moderator of last session, who read I Sam. 20:11:23, and commented on same. Prayer by J. J. Annas.

M. C. Estes and J. R. Swanson were appointed read-

ing clerks.

The following churches presented letters and delegates were enrolled as follows:

Buffalo Cove.—R. H. Pipes, J. W. Hamlett, T. M. Hawkins. Blair's Fork.—J. D. Crisp.
Dudley Shoals.—Letter only.
Granite Falls.—Letter only.
Greene Valley.—J. T. Hayes, Gaither Moore, M. C. Estes.
Mulberry.—D. H. Bolick, R. G. Bryant, J. R. Boughman.
John's River.—D. M. Estes, J. C. L. Hayes, I. G. Greene.
Fleming Chapel.—S. H. Mabe, Rubert Fleming.
Mt. Zion.—J. L. Barker, R. S. Smith.
Union.—J. D. McCrary, E. P. McCrary.
Nelson's Chapel.—T. J. Craig, Jas. Chandler, E. L. Curtis.
Love Lady.—J. G. Kirby, Pinkney Kirby.
Lower Creek.—J. R. Swanson, J. A. Laxton.
King's Creek.—J. L. Beach, G. W. Kirby, W. H. Laxton, H. M.
Beach.
Lenoir.—J. N. McCall, G. R. Clarke, Y. D. Moore, J. H. Johnson,
W. T. Beach, M. H. Mingus.
Union Grove.—J. A. Smith, Jos. Smith.
Clarke's Chapel.—C. C. Clarke, J. M. Clarke, A. C. Clarke.
Pisgah.—Noah Austin, J. R. McMillan.
Rhodhiss.—Letter only.
Wilson's Creek.—Thos. Bean, J. S. Bean.
Piney Grove.—W. W. Turnmire.
Poovey's Grove.—J. W. Keller.
Rocky Springs.—J. H. Dickson, J. A. Marler.
Yadkin.—A. E. Nelson.
Sardis.—W. H. H. Hartley, J. J. Annas.

Winkler's Grove.—Letter only.

Bethany.—W. A. McCall, M. P. Suddereth.
Globe.—F. P. Curtis, T. E. Moore, S. B. Moore, W. M. Franklin.
Conway's Chapel.—D. G. Barker, Juo. Phillips, Henry Braswell. Hartland .- H. Williams, John Baird.

J. V. McCall was chosen Moderator and I.W. Thomas, Clerk, by ballot, T. M. Hawkins and E. L. Curtis, acting as tellers.

On motion I. W. Thomas was elected Treasurer of the Association.

Visitors, as follows, accepted seats with the body: I. J. L. Sherwood of the Three Fork Association and T. J. Fields of the Notlie River Association, Ga.

The Moderator announced the following committees

for the session:

Arrangements.—E. D. Crisp, J. H. Johnson and J. L. Beach, with Moderator and Clerk.

Finance.—A. E. Nelson and G. R. Clarke. Time, Place and Preacher and Annual Sermon for next Association. -J. R. Swanson, J. L. Beach, J. T. Hayes, J. D. Crisp, J. H. Dickson and J. C. Barker.

Devotion.—I. C. Miller, with the delegates of Mulberry church. Resolutions.-W. H. H. Hartley, E. P. McCrary and J. R. J. Annas.

The chair appointed R. P. Walker on committee to report on Foreign Missions in place of J. A. White.

The body agreed to meet each day at 9 a. m., spend 30 minutes in devotion, begin business at 9:30, adjourn at 11:30 a. m. for a sermon, meet again at 1:30 p. m. and adjourn at will.

A request from excluded members of Clarke's Chapel, asking the Association to send a committee to investigate the action of Clarke's Chapel in excluding said members, was read, and, on motion, was referred to committee on Arrangements.

J. R. Swanson was appointed Associational Historian.

On motion of R. P. Walker the Fifth Sunday Meetings of the Caldwell County Association were revived and R. P. Walker, W. T. Beach and W. H. H. Hartley were appointed a committee to name place for first meeting and prepare program.

Committee on Devotion reported J. H. Johnson to conduct religious exercises tomorrow at 9 a. m., and I. W.

Thomas to preach at 11:30.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. tomorrow. Benediction by J. J. L. Sherwood.

FRIDAY, OCT. 4, 9:30 A. M., 1907.

Devotional meeting was conducted by J. H. Johnson, after which the body was called to order for business by the Moderator. The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

The committee on Arrangements submitted its report which was adopted by the body and placed in the hands of

the Moderator for his guidance.

The committee on Pastoral Support submitted the following report, which, after discussion by J. L. Beach, J. H. Johnson, R. P. Walker and others, was adopted:

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

We are all agreed, in theory at least, that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel, and that the laborer is worthy of his hire; but in practice we deny this. Our minutes of 1906 show only \$1,791.00 for the 29 churches in the Association. This amount would only support three or four pastors. Who is to blame in this matter we will not say, perhaps both pastor and church are in a measure responsible for this condition. At any rate, the situation is a sad one, and must be remedied if we hold our own as a denomination.

We doem it highly important that our pastors be better paid, that they may devote more time to the study of the Word. A poorly paid pastor is necessarily a poorly equipped one, and cannot satisfactorily build up and develop a church. Therefore, we urge the churches to increase their pastor's salary. Denominational loyalty demands it, the spirit and teachings of the New Testament require it, and without it we can never have an efficient ministry who can keep our Baptist people in

the front line of battle, in giving Christ to a lost world.

J. L. BEACH, Committee.

On motion J. H. Johnson and E. D. Crisp were appointed a committee to make a digest of the church letters.

Appointed R. P. Walker to write a report on Periodicals in the absence of the committee appointed last year.

Called on delegates appointed at last session of this body to attend the Southern Baptist Convention and Baptist State Convention:

J. V. McCall attended Baptist State Convention and reported a fine meeting. No one attended Southern Baptist Convention.

Appointed R. P. Walker, G. R. Clarke, J. L. Beach and J. V. McCall, delegates to attend next session of the Baptist State Convention at Wilmington, N. C.

Appointed E. D. Crisp a delegate to attend next session of the Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs, Ark.

The following report on Periodicals was read, and after remarks by R. P. Walker and J. V. McCall, the report was adopted:

In all ages Baptists have been earnest advocates of education and of every thing that means advancement. Our fathers, more than seventy years ago, saw that in order to be intelligent Baptists, they must be informed. So they founded the Biblical Recorder, as a medium of information, which has improved as the years have passed until it stands the peer of any religious newspaper. This should be a matter of pride to us all, and no Baptist family can afford to do without the weekly visits of this splendid messenger, which means so much for the progress of the Kingdom. We recommend Charity and Children, the organ of our orphanage at Thomasville. Every Baptist should take this most excellent dollar paper. By this means we get information from one of the greatest institutions belonging to the Baptists.

We also recomend the North Carolina Baptist, the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va.; Our Home Field, published at Atlanta, Ga., and all the literature published by our Sunday School

Board at Nashville, Tenn.

This Sunday school literature should be taken by all our Sunday schools rather than patronize something that does not belong to Southern Baptists, and which is hardly the equal of our own literature.

R. P. WALKER, Committee.

Special order having arrived, I. W. Thomas preached from I Sam. 7:12. Prayer by J. J. L. Sherwood.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met as per adjournment. Prayer by I. C. Miller.

Appointed I. C. Miller and T. C. Moore a committee

to report on Orphanage in place of F. P. Moore.

The following report on Aged Ministers' Relief was submitted, and, after addresses by J. L. Beach, I. W. Thomas, I. C. Miller, R. P. Walker and J. J. L. Sherwood, the report was adopted:

As the Baptists of North Carolina found it necessary to establish an Aged Ministers' Relief Board, it is now necessary to double our efforts to keep the work in proper condition, for the number of beneficiaries are being continually increased. In 1904 we had 24 families to help, and in 1906 we had 30 families. Some of them, of course, need more help than others, but all will need all the help they can get, and now, brethren, after they have toiled their lives away, we ought not to let them suffer. Let us come to the help of the needy.

J. H. JOHNSON, Committee.

On motion all the churches of this Association are requested to take one collection during the year for our aged and infirm ministers, and forward to Walters Durham, Raleigh, N. C.

The following report on temperance was offered, and after addresses by R. H. Pipes, E. D. Crisp, J. J. L. Sherwood, E. P. McCrary and F. P. Coffey, the report was adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following: Fourfifths of the men brought before the courts are brought there by whiskey, that is to say, four-fifths of our criminal court expenses are caused by whiskey. It costs millions of dollars more to prosecute the crimes caused by the liquor business than the liquor business pays into the public treasury. The millions of dollars that go into the hands of liquor dealers in every saloon town, would go into other lines of business, but for the alluring presence of the saloons. The man who does not know this has never investigated the matter. After all is said, there are only two arguments in favor of the licensed liquor traffic: One is, the drinker's say, "I love whiskey and want a convenient place to get it." The other is, the liquor dealer's say, "There is money in it, and we want license to sell it." In other words, the two arguments are appetite and greed. Both are hard to overcome because you cannot argue with a depraved and unnatural appetite, and greed puts dollars above homes, men, women and children.

The drink slave is to be pittied, and saved from self-destruction by relieving him of temptation, and the greed maniac must be fixed so he cannot butcher humanity indiscriminately in order to pile up a bank account. If people would face the record of crime produced by liquor, and face the fact that those of them who favor the licensed liquor business, are responsible for that record, they would speedily make an end of the business and reduce crime to the minimum. The inevitable results of saloons are crime, increased taxation, blighted homes, widowhood and orphans. Whoever stands for a business, stands for its inevitable results. There is no gainsaying or dodging this terrible fact. Therefore for every crime committed under the influence of liquor, they who favor the sale of liquor are responsible. There can be no escape from this conclusion. The sure way to reduce crime is to end the liquor business. Crime follows the sale and use of liquor as unerringly as night follows day. We believe it to be the duty of the members of the churches of this Association to take a firm and decided stand against the evils of intemperance in all its forms. H. M. BEACH,

R. H. PIPES, Committee.

The following temperance resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resorted, That we favor State wide prohibition by constitutional amendment, and that each member will do all in his power to bring about the same.

The following report on Sunday Schools was offered, and after discussion participated in by J. H. Johnson, E. D. Crisp, R. P. Walker, I. W. Thomas, J. V. McCall and I. C. Miller, the report was adopted:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT,

Believing the Sunday School is one of the best ways of implanting in the youthful heart a desire to know God, and knowing that it is the most effectual means of training the young converts into active, consecrated Christian workers, we would appeal to the various churches of our Association that we make a decided advance in our line of efforts for increasing not only the number of enrollment, but also the interest and efficiency of our schools.

While we may be proud of our last year's record let us not be satisfied with it. But by choosing our most suited men for Superintendents, our best trained and most consecrated members for teachers, and by giving special time to singing by a school full of the active spirit of Christ; by these efforts on our part, and a living trust in God, let us make our

Sunday School for the next year the most fruitful in its history.

W. T. BEACH, Committee.

I. W. Thomas, Treasurer, submitted his annual report for 1906, which was approved. [See minutes of 1906, page 13.]

On motion J. H. Johnson, J. R. Swanson and H. M. Mingus were appointed a committee to nominate an Exec-

utive Committee.

F. P. Moore, Treasurer of Gospel Missions, submitted his annual report for 1906, as follows:

I have received from all sources since the last Association met, for Gospel Missions, \$208.19; also \$18.00 for Miss Jennie Edwards and D. L. Bible, Cuba. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he He will send forth laborers into His harvest, Matt. 9:38.

F. P. MOORE, Treasurer.

The report was approved.

The committee on Time, Place and Preacher of Annual Sermon for next Association reported Lower Creek church, two miles east of Lenoir, N. C., as the place; Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1908, as the time, and I. C. Miller to preach the annual sermon, with L. C. King, alternate.

Pending motion to adopt the report, an amendment was offered, changing the time from Thursday before the first Sunday in October to Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September. The amendment carried, and the re-

port was adopted as amended.

Relative to the request from excluded members of Clarke's Chapel church, the committee on Arrangements report as follows:

After hearing both sides of the controversy we think it could do no harm to appoint a committee to visit the church and inquire into the matter and to act as peace-makers as far as they can and report to this body at its next session.

The report was adopted and the following committee appointed: E. D. Crisp, J. J. L. Sherwood and J. H. Johnson.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported I. C. Miller to preach tomorrow at 11:30 a. m., and J. J. L. Sherwood to conduct prayer service at 9 a. m.

Adjourned. Benediction by J. R. J. Annas.

SATURDAY, OCT. 5, 1907.

Met as per adjournment.

Devotion conducted by J. L. Sherwood. Read and

approved minutes of yesterday.

Invited visitors to seats in the body, when W. R. Bradshaw of the South Fork Association, representing State Missions, and W. N. Cook of the Catawba River Association, accepted seats.

The report on Orphanage was read and after discussion by W. R. Bradshaw, I. C. Miller, R. P. Walker, J. L. Sherwood, R. H. Pipes and E. P. McCrary, the re-

port was adopted.

In 1883 some of our Baptist people felt the call of God to build an orphanage to care for our homeless children. This was brought before the Baptist State Convention which met in Raleigh that year. The convention felt that it was not able to undertake the work, so the orphanage enterprise was turned out on the streets to die; but a few earnest advocates of the orphanage met at the Tabernacle church and decided to launch the enterprise. A collection was taken, amounting to \$15.00. Doctor C. E. Taylor, ex-president of Wake Forest College gave the first dollar and thus the work began. Now we have an institution that is worth more than \$200,000. The Baptist people from all over the State have heard the call of God, and have responded nobly to the call to take care of the orphans that have been entrusted to our care.

Our orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., stands at the head of all the orphanages in the State in numbers and equipment. We are now taking care of 350 orphan children. Every day these bright-eyed, homeless boys and girls, are looking to us for food and raiment. Jesus says, "As oft as ye do it to one of the least of these, my children, ye do it to Me." God has given us this great privilege of caring for these children. What

shall our answer be to this crying need?

I. C. MILLER,

T. E. MOORE, Committee.

On motion all the Sunday Schools in this Asaociation are requested to take monthly collections for the orphans.

The Finance Committee submitted its report as follows:

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"	Home Missions		-		-		-	-		- '	-		9.33
"	State Missions			-		-	-		-	-		-	13.36
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Elected J. V. McCall a member of the State Mission Board.

The chairman of the Board of Trustees of Lenoir Academy submitted the following report:

Since the meeting of the last Association, J. A. White conducted a very successful and prosperous term of school. The enrollment was 195. At the last meeting of this body a new building was contemplated and means to that end were being raised, but the Educational Department of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, for some reason unknown to us, declined to reappropriate the \$750.00 it had appropriated in 1906, and which we could not use without additional means, hence the new building has not materialized. The subscriptions made for the new building will not be collected, and money paid in will be returned to the donors. Just after commencement last spring, J. A. White resigned the principalship of the Lenoir Academy to enter the pastorate at Murphy, N. C., and we greatly regret to have to report that we have utterly failed to secure the service of any one to become his successor. It makes us sad to see the doors of this institution standing closed. Could we have secured a principal, there was never a brighter prospect for a fine opening than there was this fall. We hope we may secure some one to take charge by the first of next year. The rooms of the building are being rented, for the present, to private families and the rents applied to the insurance on the building. Let us not lose interest in our school, but pray for it, and labor to make it a success.

I. W. THOMAS,

Chm. Board of Trustees.

The report was adopted.

Ordered the Clerk to have 500 copies of minutes printed and distributed among the churches, using as much as \$25.00, if needed, for that purpose and retain \$8.00 for his services.

On motion the report on Education was postponed till afternoon, and the report on State, Home and Foreign Missions be taken up instead.

The following report on State Missions was read, and, after an able address by W. R. Bradshaw, was adopted:

Jesus said, "And ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." The disciples were to begin preaching the Gospel at home and widen out to the uttermost parts of the earth. State Missions is preaching the Gospel in the destitute places at home in North Carolina. Our Baptist State Convention was organized in 1832 primarially for the purpose of giving the Gospel to the great destitution then existing in North Corolina. Then, as a denomination we were a mere handful, now we number about 200,000 white Baptists. This great increase is due largely to the work of our State Mission Board through all these years. The Board, one time and another, has helped to supply destitution in every county in our State. In the past,in Caldwell county Lenoir, Granite Falls and Yadkin, have been have helped by the Board; at present Rhodhiss and Hartland are being aided. Through all these years, our Baptist State Convention, through its State Mission Board, has tried to enlarge the work, both as to men and means, and now this year we are making the greatest effort in any one year in our history. We are trying to raise for State Missions the sum of \$40,000 and have 150 missionaries in the field. In addition to our regular missionaries, two missionary evangelists, brethren W. R. Bradshaw and Braxton Craig, have been employed to hold meetings with the missionaries on their fields. Bro.Bradshaw works in the western half of North Carolina and Bro. Craig in the eastern half. These brethren did not enter upon their work until last spring, but the Lord has greatly blessed their labors. State Missions help us to enlarge and strengthen our work at home, so that we can do more to help give the Gospel to the heathen, so that we can do more for Home Missions and our Orphanage and all other objects. Let us give this year more than ever to State Missions, let us sympathize with the missionaries and pray for them, and let us thank God for what has been accomplished through State Missions. I. W. THOMAS, Committee.

The following pledges were made for State Missions: Bethany, \$5.00; Buffalo Cove, \$5.00; Clarke's Chapel, \$1.00; Conway's Chapel, \$3.00; Dudley Shoals, \$5.00; Fleming Chapel, \$5.00; Granite Falls, \$10.00; Green Valley, \$2.00; Hartland, \$3.00; John's River, \$2.00; King's Creek, \$10.00; Lenoir, \$50.00; Lower Creek, \$10.00; Mt. Zion, \$5.00; Mulberry, \$5.00; Piney Grove, \$5.00; Sardis, \$5.00; Union, \$5.00; Wilson's Creek, \$2.00; Yadkin, \$1.00. Total, \$139.00.

Special order having arrived, I. C. Miller preached from Mark 15:16.

The sermon was followed with a collection for the Orphans, at Thomasville, N. C., amounting to \$12.30.

Adjourned to 1.30 p. m. Benediction by R. P. Walker.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met as per adjournment. Prayer by I. C. Miller. The reports on Home and Foreign Missions were sub-

mitted together and after remarks by E. D. Crisp, W. R. Bradshaw and R. P. Walker, the reports were adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

There is no more gratifying development in the denomination than the growing interest of Southern Baptists in their Home Mission work. Leading men among us have of late freely published their conviction that this department of our work is of great strategic importance and should be enlarged without delay. The Southern Baptist Convention at its last session put itself on record to the same effect and unanimously and warmly recommended to the denomination that contributions by doubled for this object this year, the total amount recommended beine \$500,000. The following facts will confirm the sound judgment of the Convention:

First, Home Missions has already done great things for Southern Baptists, Missionaries of the Home Mission Board have made hundreds of thousands of converts, constituted thousands of churches, organized thousands of Sunday Schools, and assisted in establishing the Baptist cause in every State capital of the South, save one, and in thousands of country places. Every State and almost every community has felt the direct or indirect influence of the work and received benefit from it. The record for last year, in independent and co-operative work, was in part, 18,798 baptisms, 14,207 additions to churches by letter, 271 churches constituted, 309 houses of worship built or improved, 703 Sunday Schools organized. These figures do not include the untabulated influence of 112,604 gospel sermons and addresses, and of the exemplary lives of 865 Godly missionaries.

Second, The South presents great Home Mission need today; Southern cities are multiplying and growing in size and wickedness; floods of foreigners are coming in, who must be saved or they will lower our standard of civilization; baneful heresies are being propagated in our midst; vast regions of destitution exist, especially in the Southwest; three thousand homeless churches call to us for shelter under which to worship our God; Cuba, Isle of Pines and Panama hold; out appealing hands for the bread of life; the success of our mountain school work as well as appalling need, encourage enlargement.

What answer will this Association make to these appeals, what will it do with this opportunity and this sacred duty? Your committee recommends, (1), that we, as an Association endeavor this year to increase our contributions to Home Missions in proportion to the advance recommended by the Southern Baptist Convention, which will be fifty per cent. over what we did last year; (2), that, in order to inform our people concerning this work and make possible the raising of this amount, pastors and others be requested to secure and circulate among our people the free literature of the Home Board; (3), that the messengers of each church in the Association be requested to secure at once a club of at least ten new subscribers to Our Home Field, the beautiful 36 page magazine published by the Home Board, at 25c a year; and (4), that we encourage our women to co-operate with the Woman's Missionary Union of the South in raising the \$75,000, which the Union proposes to secure for Home Missions this year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. SOUTHERN, F. P. COFFEY, Committee.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

When Jesus stood on Mt. Olivet with His eleven disciples for the last time, He said, "All power is given unto Me in Heaven and earth, go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." This is His marching orders to His church, which have never been revoked. All through the ages He has been with those who have obeyed this divine command, giving great success to their labors.

In 1791, the modern missionary movement began with only one advocate, William Cary, the shoe cobbler. There was much opposition to the movement, but Cary began the work. The blessings of God have attended it ever since, until all denominations have joined the procession. In 1842, we Southern Baptists, began our Foreign Mission work. It was, indeed, a small beginning, but it has grown rapidly as the years have passed until we now have 203 missionaries and 297 native helpers, Many well equipped young men and women are applying to be sent out, and it is expected that our number of workers will be greatly enlarged soon. Southern Baptists ought to have 10,000 soldiers in the war of conquest, to take the world for Christ. With our present forces, there are 183,675 lost souls for each missionary to carry the Word of life to. Last year there were 2,239 converts baptized on our foreign fields. There are 13,437 members and these contributed \$29,201 to carry the gospel to those who have it not. What a lesson in consecration for our home churches.

E. D. CRISP, R. P. WALKER, Committee.

The following pledges were made for Foreign Missions, to be sent through the Foreign Mission Board, or the Gospel Mission plan as the churches see proper: Bethany, \$5.00; Blair's Fork, \$5.00; Buffalo Cove, \$5.00; Clarke's Chapel, \$1.00; Dudley Shoals, \$5.00; Fleming Chapel, \$5.00; Granite Falls, \$10.00; Globe, \$100.00; Green Valley, \$5.00; Hartland, \$2.00; John's River, \$2.00; King's Creek, \$15.00; Lenoir, \$100.00; Lower Creek, \$15.00; Mt. Zion, \$3.00; Nelson's Chapel, \$2.00; Mulberry, \$5.00; Pisgah, \$2.00; Piney Grove, \$2.00; Rhodhiss, \$2.00; Sardis, \$3.00; Union, \$5.00; Wilson's Creek, \$2.00, and Yadkin, \$1.00. Total, \$303.00.

The following report on Education was submitted and after speeches by W. M. Frankum, R. P. Walker, I. W.

Thomas and W. N. Cook, the report was adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The spirit of education is increasing with our people. During the past school year they put forth great efforts and accomplished much good. For many years their interest in the public schools has been constantly increasing, and the success of our high school at Lenoir last year

was marked. The attendance was good and with considerable enthusiasm, especially in the Commercial department. We are sorry to have to report, however, that the doors of this hitherto excellent school are temporarily closed. The resignation of its Superintendent, Rev. J. A. White, came so late in the summer as to render it impossible to get a new Superintendent for the fall opening. The school is popular and the trustees are determined to make it more so. No trouble is anticipated in a brilliant opening another year.

We wish to urge our people to take every advantage offered by the Public Schools, Lenoir High School, Wake Forest College and the Baptist University for Women. "The land is ours if we will go and possess it."

Y. D. MOORE,

J. W. WHISNANT, Committee.

On motion all the churches of this Association are earnestly requested to take one collection during the year for Ministerial Education.

Committee to nominate an Associational Executive Committee reported the following names: J. L. Beach, E. P. McCrary, Jos. Powell, Jr., J. H. Johnson and L. C. King. The report was approved.

The committee on Digest of Church Letters submitted

the following report, which was adopted:

There are thirty churches represented this year with statistics as follows:

GAINS.

Received by baptism, 168; by letter, 81; by restoration, 21. Total 270.

LOSS.

Dismissed by letter, 81; excluded, 19; died, 31. Total 131. Total net gain 139.

Membership.—Males, 1,048; females, 1,614. Total membership, 2,662.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Pastors' salaries, \$1,928.95; Church expenses, \$1,914.71; Poor, \$23.00; Orphans, \$152.93; State Missions, \$61.66; Foreign Missions, \$269.35; Home Missions, \$69.64; Ministerial Education, \$15.37; Ministerial Relief, \$7 07; Minute Fund, \$32.27. Grand total, \$4,474.95.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Number of Schools, 24; Enrollment, 1,408; Average attendance, 947; School expenses, \$183.59.

J. H. JOHNSON, E. D. CRISP, Committee.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees:

State Missions.—R. P. Walker and W. P. Southern.
Mome Missions.—J. J. L. Sherwood and W. H. H. Hartley.
Foreign Missions.—I. W. Thomas and L. C. King.
Education.—J. W. Whisnant and Victor Beach.
Orphanage.—J. L. Beach and J. R. J. Annas.
Ministerial Relief.—E. D. Crisp and W. J. Bryant.
Pastoral Support.—J. H. Johnson and W. A. McCall.
Temperance.—I. C. Miller and W. W. Turnmire.
Sunday Schools.—W. T. Beach and T. E. Moore.
Periodicals.—V. D. Moore and H. M. Beach.

The Associational Historian submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Owing to the fact that I have been appointed Historian since coming to this session of the Association, necessarily makes my report for this year very short and imperfect. Mulberry church, with which we are meeting, from the best information obtainable, was constituted the third Saturday in November, 1853. I am unable to ascertain who the constituting presbytery was. The following have served as pastors: Elders Jacob Greene, Joseph Harrison, Levi Wilson, J. A. Farthing, Isaac Smith, John Hagaman, Sr., Warren Moore, A. S. Church, W. F. Knight, Larkin Pipes, J. F. Crisp, E. D. Crisp and J. P. Hagaman.

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J. R. SWANSON, Historian.

The committee on Resolutions submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Resolved, That our hearty and most sincere thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren and sisters of Mulberry church, and to the friends in the community of the church, for their bountiful and generous hospitality to us while we have sojourned in their midst, and we go to our homes with loving rememberance of the good people in the vicinity of Mulberry church, and praying that God will richly reward all who have shown us kindness and extended to us their hospitality.

W. H. H. HARTLEY, E. P. McCrary, Committee.

The committee on Devotion named W. R. Bradshaw to preach tomorrow at 11 a. m. Agreed to take a collection for State Missions at close of religious exercises tomorrow.

The committee on Time and Place for next fifth Sunday meeting, reported Rocky Springs as the place, and Friday, 11 a. m., before the fifth Sunday in December, 1907, as the time.

There appearing no further business, on motion the body adjourned to time and place of next meeting. Prayer by E. D. Crisp.

J. V. McCall, Moderator.

I. W. THOMAS, Secretary.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

October 6, 1907.

Met at 10 a. m., and spent an hour in a song service, after which W. R. Bradshaw preached an excellent sermon to a large crowd, from John 19:16. The collection for State Missions was \$11.00. Thus closed another harmonious, pleasant and profitable session of the Caldwell County Baptist Association.

P. S.—Please read carefully your copy of these Minutes and preserve it for future reference. CLERK.

STATEMENT BY TREASURER.

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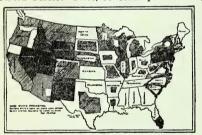
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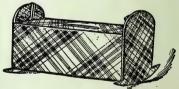
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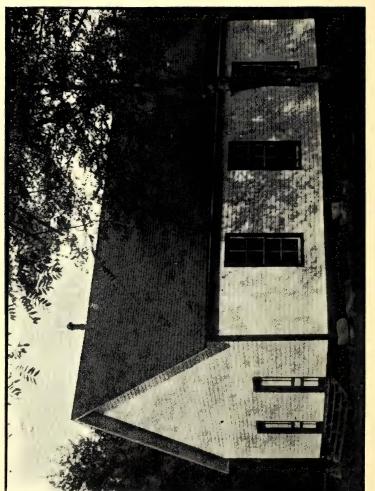
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PROCEEDINGS.

Lower Creek Church, Caldwell County, N. C. Thursday, Sept. 24, 1908.

The Caldwell County Baptist Association convened in Twenty-fourth Annual Session in Lower Creek Church, Thursday September 24, 1908, 11 A. M. There was a large gathering first day, and all were charmed with the beautiful new church house in which the Association was to be held. Speaker after speaker, from time to time, congratulated the good people of Lower Creek for erecting such a magnificent temple for the worship of God. The annual sermon was preached by I. C. Miller, from Song of Solomon 5:6 and 7, Rev. 3:20, The sermon was timely and appropriate. J. V. McCall led in prayer.

Took recess for one hour,

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reconvened at 1:30 P. M.

J. V. McCall, Moderator of last session, called the Association to order, and read 105th Psalm, and delivered an appropriate address to the body. I. C. Miller led in prayer. The moderator asked F. P. Moore and H. M. Beach to act as Reading Clerk. The following messengers, or delegates, presented letters from their respective churches, as their credentials, and were enrolled.

Bethany.—W A. McCall and T. C. Curtis.

Blair's Fork.—A. W. Lackey, J. M. Harless, F. S. Livingston and L. M. Lackey.

Buffalo Cove.—R. H. Pipes and T. M. Hawkins.

Clarke's Chapel.—J. C. Hobbs, A. E. Helton and A. C. Craig.

Conway's Chapel.—John Philips and Alford Rader.

Dudley Shoals.—K. H. Kirby and B. M. Satterwhite.

Fleming Chapel.—R. E. Fleming, S. H. Mabe, and J. R. McCall.

Granite Falls.—D. A. Whisnant and H. C. Mackie.

Globe.—F. P. Moore, W. M. Frankum and A. M. Mast.

Green Valley.—J. T. Hayes, J. B. Hayes and M. C. Estes.

Green Rock.—Francis Hawkins and L. L. Hawkins.

Hartland.—H. Williams, W. S. Sudderth and John Baird.

John's River.—J. C. L. Hayes and Philip Gragg.

King's Creek.—J. L. Beach, H. M. Beach, J. A. Roby and H. N. Suddereth.

Lower Creek.—Van Teague, Smith Barlow, M. E. Thompson, R. W. Barlow and J. R. Swanson.

Lenoir.—J. W. Whisnant, Y. D. Moore, J. H. Johnson, G. R. Clarke and Molten Triplet.

Lovelady.-H. H. Bumgarner, B. F. Beach and A. P. Kirby.

Mountain Grove.-W. L. Evans.

Mount Zion .- J. C. Barker and G. J. Miller.

Mulberry .- Russel Bryant.

Nelson's Chapel .- T. W. McCall.

Pisgah.-N. J. Bently and Noah Austin.

Poovey's Grove.-J. S. Poovey and L. D. Keller.

Piney Grove.—W. W. Turnmire, W. A. Walker and W. C. Sullivan.

Rhodhiss .- L. W. Carlton.

Rocky Springs .- Joseph Marler.

Sardis.—J. R. Barber, J. S. Crump, A. P. Harris and W. H. H. Hartley.

Union.-F. M. McCrary, Theo. Anton and E. P. McCrary.

Union Grove.-L. J. Smith.

Winkler's Grove.-W. A. Lowman and Alex. Stillwell.

Wilson's Creek .- W. S. Cook.

Yadkin.-J. L. Day, J. K. Farthing and W. F. Greenfield.

The election of officers being in order, T. M. Hawkins and A. M. Mast were appointed tellers. J. V. McCall was re-elected Moderator and I. W. Thomas, Clerk and Treasurer.

Invited visitors to seats in the body: W. E. Meadows, of Brushy Mountain; J. M. Harris, J. G. and W. A. Benfield of Catawba River; Sherrill McLeod and J. M. Shaver, of Alexander County; W. R. Bradshaw, of South Fork; J. J. L. Sherwood and J. P. Hagaman, of Three Forks Associations, and J. C. Howard, agent for "Biblical Recorder," accepted seats, and were welcomed. T. J. Fields of Notlie River Association, Georgia, was also welcomed to seat in the body.

Appointed committees as follows:

Arrangements—E. D. Crisp, R. P. Walker and W. R. Bradshaw. Finance—A. E. Nelson and J. R. Swanson.

Time, Place and Preacher of Annual Sermon for next Association—H. M. Beach, M. E. Estes, J. C. Barker, J. L. McLoud and A. M. Mast.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and delegates of Lower Creet Church.

Resolutions-J. G. Benfield, Larkin Day and E P. McCrary.

Agreed to discuss the subject of Periodicals in the absence of the report. J. C. Howard addressed the body in the interest of the "Biblical Recorder," urging us to be loyal to our denominational organ, and to give it our hearty support. He said, "Intelligence preceded interest, and interest preceded activity. T. L. Blalock and Jos. Powell also made remarks, the latter saying he would subscribe for the "Biblical Recorder," even if he could not read, that he wanted to be loyal to his denomination and its organ.

Instructed committee on Religious Exercises to arrange

for a sermon tomorrow at 11 A. M.

The Committee named W. C. Meadows to conduct devotional meeting tomorrow at 9 A. M., and J. J. L. Sherwood to preach at 11 A. M.

Adjourned to 9:30 A. M. tomorrow. Benediction by J.

J. L. Sherwood.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1908.

The Association reconvened according to adjournment. Prayer by J. G. Benfield. Read and approved minutes

of yesterday.

Concord, a newly organized church, made application for membership in the Association. E. D. Crisp, I. C. Miller and R. P. Walker were appointed a committee to examine articles of faith, church covenant and constitution of the new church, and report later.

Committee on Order of Business reported: First, Miscellaneous business; second, Report on Periodicals, and third Report on State Missions, followed by special order. The

report was adopted.

The following report on Periodicals was offered by Y. D. Moore, and, ofter addresses by Y. D. Moore and R. P. Walker, the report was adopted.

Your committee on Periodicals, wishes to report the following The spiritual uplifting of our people, resting largely on their conversation and reading, we would urge that the one be carefully selected, the other Godly. What the heart thinketh the mouty speaketh. Our conversation, then, should be chaste, but it is governed largely by our reading. Our homes should be stocked

with good books, acquainting us with the habitation and environments of our fellow men, awakening our love and sympathy for each other, and drawing us upward to the Father of all. the most direct avenue to this end is our Periodicals. The influence of a newspaper is well illustrated in Napolean's famous declaration 'I fear one newspaper more than a hundred thousand bayonets." Why should he have so much feared one news-Think, brother, and then put the "Biblical Recorder" into your home as soon as you can see the agent or can drop : card to the editor. You can stop here, if you are very poor, and can not get any help from your Christian brother; but you wil miss a great many sweets and pleasures and necessities of thi life and your road to the home of the blessed will be more rugged without "Charity and Children," and our "Foreign Mission Jour nal." We should make a special effort to put these three Periodicals into the homes of all Baptists. We should read them and talk of their contents to our children, until it grows up in them and becomes a part of them. And may God's blessings cover us as the waters cover the sea.

Respectfully submitted.

Y. D. MOORE,

For Committee.

The following report on State Missions was read by R. P. Walker, and, after a very fine address by W. R. Bradshaw, the report was adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

To give the Gospel to the destitute sections of North Carolina, was one of the prime motives that prompted the organization of the Baptist State Convention in 1832. That is the prime object of our district associations. The work is called State Mission: because this board operates only within the bounds of our State

To write the history of State Missions would be to give a history of all the leading churches in North Carolina. The first church to be helped by this board was the First Baptist church of Wilmington. In the year 1832 that church received \$100.00. Now the Baptists are very strong in that city, having three large self-sustaining churches. Today that board is aiding weak churches from the mountains to the seashore, and God has greatly blessed the efforts of the various fields of labor.

In Eastern North Carolina the Baptist destitution is very great. Few of the churches are self-sustaining, even in the towns. This is due largely to the neglect of these fields in the past.

In Central North Carolina the great problem is to give the gospel to cetton mill communities. These people came from their farms to those rapidly growing manufacturing communities and must have the gospel, for they are largely Baptist people. This part of State Mission work will be upon us as long as time lasts, because these people are not able, in most cases, to support a pastor.

Here, in the Western part of our State, the Baptists possess the land but small towns are springing up every year, and the people are going to these new towns, and we must have these places held by good Baptist pastors. If we fail to do this, the cause will suffer all through the years to come.

Last year we had 161 missionaries laboring in 51 Associations They preached 19,092 sermons and there were 3,229 conversions, with 2,372 baptisms. We paid the Missionaries \$38,059 for their services, but they raised for the different objects of the Convention \$55,088,01. Thus you see it pays to invest in State Missions.

We now have two missionary evangelists, Brethren Braxton Craig, laboring in the East and W. R. Bradshaw, laboring in the West. Their labors have been very fruitful. There were 443 conversions in their meetings last year, and of this number 161 united with Baptist churches. This was done on hard mission fields, it must be remembered.

This year we are trying to raise \$45,000 for this work. How easily this could be raised if the 205,000 Baptists in North Carolina would do what they can. If every Baptist would give 25 cents there would be more than enough to pay every missionary his full salary. We suggest that we take the months of October and November as our time to help in this glorious work, that we urge our pastors to preach on State Missions during this time, and that we pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into the harvest.

ROBERT P. WALKER.

Committee.

Pledges for State missions were made as follows:

Buffalo Cove, \$5.00; Bethany, \$5.00; Blair's Fork, \$5.00; Clarke's Chapel, \$2,00; Dudley Shoals, \$5.00; Granite Falls, \$10.00; Globe, \$10,00; Green Valley, \$5.00; Hartland, \$1.00; John's River, \$2.00; King's Creek, \$10.00; Lenoir, \$50.00; Lower Creek, \$15.00; Lovelady, \$1.00; Mountain Grove, \$2.00; Mount Zion, \$3.00; Nelson's Chapel, \$2.00; Pisgah, \$1.00; Poovey's Grove, \$1.00; Piney Grove, \$5.00; Rhodhiss, \$2.00; Rocky Springs

\$10.00; Union Grove, \$1.00; Winkler's Grove, \$1.00; Wilson's Creek, \$1.00; Yadkin, \$2.00. Total, \$162.00

Special order having arrived, J. J. L. Sherwood preached to a large, attentive and appreciative audience, from Mark 13:34—"To every man his work." The sermon was timely and appropriate.

Adjourned to meet at 2 P. M. Benediction by E. D.

Crisp.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met as per adjournment. Committee on Order of Business submitted the following for the afternoon session:

- 1. Report on Pastoral Support.
- 2. Report on Education.
- 3. Report of committee to visit Clarke's Chapel.
- 4. Elect member of State Mission Board.
- 5. Appoint delegates to attend State and Southern Baptist Conventions.

The order was approved.

The report on Pastoral Support was submitted as follows, and after remarks by T. L. Blalock, R. P. Walker, R. H. Pipes and J. M. Shaver, the report was adopted:

Your committee on Pastoral Support, beg leave to offer the following as our report: According to minutes of last year, there are 30 churches in this Association with 2,600 members, and 20 ordained preachers, and according to digest of church letters, \$2.000 was paid to pastors, making an average of \$100 per annum. That is poor, in keeping with the scriptures, which say, "They that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel," "the workman is worthy of his hire," "let him that is taught in the word communicate (or give) to him that teacheth in all good things,', and as the great Apostle says, 'If we have sown to you spiritual things, is it a great matter that we should reap of your carnal things." According to above figures one must conclude that living is cheap. So long as our people are indifferent to the support of the ministry, and our ablest ministers will leave us, and seek work elsewhere. Let us support our pastors that they may give themselves wholly to their high calling, and God will bless the churches as he never has done or never will do, until we do our duty in this regard.

> J. H. JOHNSON, W. A. McCALL. Committee.

The following report on Education was offered by J. W. Whisnant, and, after addresses by J. W. Whisnant, J. W. Curtis, I. C. Miller and W. R. Bradshaw, the report was adopted. The need of more young men, called of God to the work of the Ministry, and the importance of Ministerial Education was emphasized in the discussion of the report. W. R. Bradshaw led the congregation in an earnest prayer that God would call young men in our Association and in the adjoining Associations into the Ministry of the Gospel. but the Association was reminded that God will hear us only on condition that we be willing to help those whom he shall call into the work of the Ministry, to educate and prepare themselves for their life's work, and that we be willing to the extent of our ability to support those whom God shall call

On motion each church in this Association is requested to take, during the year, a collection for Ministerial Education, and forward to Walters Durham, Raleigh, N. C.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Baptists of North Carolina are to be congratulated upon the progressive attitude of her people toward education. There has never been a period in the educational history of our denomination when the people generally were more kindly disposed to the support of our schools. Even in a year of financial stress and stringency, the enrollment in our schools has exceeded that of any previous year, which fact alone testifies to the earnestness of the educational spirit.

The enrollment at Wake Forest College this session so far is 356, almost as many as were enrolled for the entire session last year. This large number of students, constantly increasing every year, is a circumstance which ought to forestall any criticism directed against religious education. If you will think a moment, you will remember that the men today who sit highest in the councils of State, with rare exceptions, received their literary education in the religious atmosphere of our denominational Colleges.

Then there is the Baptist University for Women, at Raleigh, established about nine years ago, with an enrollment last year of nearly 400. Although young in years, it already ranks with the best of our Colleges for women. It has a teaching force of thirty, and this Committee thinks that no parent could make a mistake in placing his girl under their instruction and guidance. This institution is entitled to your earnest support and prayers.

We do not think that enough attention is given to the work of Ministerial Education. For some reason, God often calls men into the Ministry who are poor and unable to get an education without help. To aid these consecrated men is one of the first duties that devolves upon the churches. It is probably the most effective way in which the individual church member may aid in the evangelization of the world. Wake Forest College has this session, so far, seventy one young men who are studying for the Ministry, and our Seminary at Louisville has something like thirty from North Carolina. God has made it our duty to help these men to obtain the best possible preparation for their exalted life's work. We know, as a fact, that until recently, an ignorant ministry was a great stumbling block in the way of Baptist progress, and this obstacle can be removed only by our individual and united efforts to educate our preachers.

The last phase of our educational work is the secondary denominational school. Last year, we had 135 teachers in these schools alone, and a student body of 2,955. Out of this number 125 to 150 enter our denominational Colleges. Without these schools the number of students in our higher institutions would at once decrease. The public school, while no doubt it serves a unique place in the general education of the people, cannot take the place of the secondary denominational school. We must maintain these schools, if for no other reason, for the sake of the denominational Colleges. We regret to report our own High School at Lenoir with its doors closed. It seems to us that the 2500 Baptists of Caldwell county could well afford to support this school, which would mean so much in the way of fostering the spirit of education among our own people.

Let us rally around our institutions, supporting them with our means, our patronage always, and our continual prayers. Respectfully submitted,

> J. W. WHISNANT, T. H. BEACH,

Committee.

Committee on Devotional Exercises named J. G. Benfield to conduct prayer and praise service tomorrow 9 A. M., T. L. Blalock to preach at 11 A. M.

Adjourned to 9:30 tomorrow. Benediction by J. J. R. Annas.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26, 1908.

Met as per adjournment. W. R. Bradshaw led in prayer. Read and approved minutes of yesterday. A. Johnson editor of "Charity and Children," and representing our Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., accepted a seat with the body.

R. P. Walker reported attendance upon the Baptist State Convention, last session, as a delegate from this Association.

R. P. Walker and J. V. McCall were appointed delegates to next session of Baptist State Convention, which will meet in Wilson, N. C., December 9, 1908.

I. W. Thomas, with R. P. Walker as alternate, was appointed as delegates to the next session of Southern Baptist Convention, which will be held in Louisville, Ky., next May.

The committee appointed at last meeting of this body to visit Clarke's Chapel church, reported that it did not visit said church, as said church informed said committee that it would not be received. The committee was discharged and the Association expressed itself as feeling that Clarke's Chapel church is due the Association an apology for refusing to receive said committee.

The following report on Thomasville Orphanage was read by J. L. Beach, and, after an address by A. Johnson, the

report was adopted.

The Baptists of North Carolina own, at Thomasville a farm of 441 acres, numerous buildings, and invested funds valued at a total of \$202,900. The sole object in securing this plant was that of establishing a home for the orphans in our midst; where they may receive motherly care, Christian training and education and learn some trade by which they may become independent citatens. The income from this plant must be used for improvements. And the entire support of the 575 unfortunate children, now there, must come from the Baptist churches and Sunday schools of the State. Also the money to pay off the \$4.000 indebtedness must come from some source. They cry to us for our earnest prayers and liberal contributions. May we not give them both?

J. L. BEACH, J. R. J. ANNAS. Committee.

The following pledges were made to be paid to the Orphanage during the next Association yar:

Bethany, \$2.00; Buffalo Cove, \$5.00; Blair's Fork, \$3.00 Clarke's Chapel, \$2.00 (paid \$1.26); Conway's chapel, \$2.00; Granite Falls, \$20.00; Globe, \$50.00; Green Valley, \$5.00; Hartland, \$2.00; John's River, \$2.00; King's Creek, \$10.00; Lenoir, \$75.00; Lower Creek, \$10.00; Lovelady, \$1.00; Mountain Grove, \$2.00; Mount Zion, \$2.00; Pisgah, \$3.00; Piney Grove, \$2.50; Sardis, \$2.00; Union, \$5.00; Wilson's Creek, \$1.00; Winkler's Grove, \$1.00; Yadkin, \$1.00; and Rhodhiss, \$5.00. Total \$218.

A cash collection was then taken for the Orphanage, amounting to \$14.92, which was turned over to A. Johnson. Special order having arrived, T. L. Blalock preached from Matthew 28:19-20. Prayer by R. P. Walker. Adjourned to 2 P. M. Benediction by J. J. L. Sherwood

AFTERNOON SESSION

Met as per adjournment V. N. Cook led in prayer. E. A. Poe of Catawba River Association accepted a seat with the body

The Finance committee submitted the following report.

Received	\mathbf{of}	the	churches	for	Orphanage	44.81
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Total						160.16

The report was adopted, funds turned over to Treasurer, and committee discharged.

W. T. Beach read the following report on Sunday schools which was adopted, and discussion of the report was post-poned till Sunday 10 A. M.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Realizing about 80 per cent of all who unite with our churches, are brought to Christ through the evangelizing influence of the Sunday schools, and knowing, from observation, that our most active and consecrated workers are those who were blessed with early training in Sunday schools, we can not urge too strongly

the importance of maintaining a well equipped school in each church.

Hearty co-operation of the pastor, judgment in the selection of officers and consecration on the part of teachers, are necessary for the best results. These, with a careful study of our splendid literature and helps, will add greatly to the efficiency of our Sunday schools.

W. T. BEACH Committee.

Committee on Temperance submitted the following report, and, after discussion by R. H. Pipes, J. J. L. Sherwood and I. C. Miller the report was adopted:

We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to report as follows: We can do no better than recommend the temperance report of last year, submitted by H. M. Beach and R. H. Pipes (see Minutes of last year page 7). We know of no temperance report that will equal that. We are glad to report that since the meeting of our last Association, our State has gone for prohibition by 45,000 majority. We rejoice in this great victory, and thank God for it. We would advise earnestly all our churches to stand by this great temperance cause, and see that the law is enforced. We are of the opinion that there is too much at stake for us to sleep as do others, while the souls of men are sinking down to eternal woe. If we can not entirely do without tobacco, let us be temperate in its use. Let us try to do with one-fourth less and save that much for the cause of Missions.

I. C. MILLER, W. W. TURNMIRE.

Committee.

The following Temperance resolution was adopted with out discussion or opposition:

Recognizing the importance of a proper attitude on the temperance question, we, the members of the Caldwell County Baptist Association, resolve that we will not fellowship any church, composing this body, which retains a member or members in its fellowship who manufacture, or sell, or aid in the manufacture, or sale, or use as a beverage of intoxicating liquors, or wines of any sort, after such member or members have been reproved and admonished by the said churches.

Reports on Home and Foreign Missions were submitted jointly, and, after discussion by T. L. Blalock, R. P. Walker, and W. R. Bradshaw, were adopted as follows:

HOME MISSION REPORT.

The South presents great Home Mission needs today. Southern cities are multiplying, and are growing in size and wickedness, floods of foreigners are coming in, who must be saved, or they will lower our standard of civilization, baneful herisies are being profagated in our midst; vast regions of destitution exists especially in the Southwest. Three thousand homeless churche call to us for shelter under which to worship our God. Cuba and Panama hold out appealing hands for the bread of life; and the success of our Mountain schools as well, all encourage enlargement. Therefore, we ask all our churches to take collections for Home Missions.

W. H. H. HARTLEY.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

"God so loved the world" is the basis of all Foreign Mission oak, "go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to eve creature," is our marching orders.

Missions is the spirit of Christ, and the soul of all true religion. The supreme purpose of the establishment of the church was to give the gospel to all the world. God is greatly blessing the labors of our Missionaries in foreign lands. There were 2,174 converts added to our churches by baptism last year, and \$400,000 were contributed to foreign mission work by Southern Baptists, and yet, there were more than 10,000 Baptist churches that gave nothing to this work last year. Are any of that number in the Caldwell Association? If so, they should repent humbly before God lest He come quickly, and remove the candle stick, Rev. 2:5.

During the year twenty-four new Missionaries were sent out. We have now in the field 222 Misionaries, 334 native assistants, making a force of 556 workers. Twelve Medical Missionaries have been sent out, and these have treated 38,000 patients. In connection with our work in the different Mission fields, we have 8 theological schools, in which there are 150 students preparing to preach the gospel to the native heathen.

Let us thank God for what has already been accomplished, and let us undertake greater things for Him, and expect greater results from Him.

I. W. THOMAS.

Pledges for Foreign Missions were made as follows:

Buffalo Cove, \$5.00; Blair's Fork, \$5.00; Conway's Chapel, \$1.00 Clarke's Chapel, \$1.00; Globe, \$100; Green Valley, \$2.00;

Hartland, \$1.00; King's Creek, \$15.00; Lenoir, \$100; Lower Creek, \$5.00; Mount Zion, \$2.00; Piney Grove, \$2.50; Rhodhiss, \$2.00; Rocky Springs, \$10.00; Union \$5.00; and Yadkin, \$1.00. Total \$257.50.

The following report on Aged Minister's Relief was submitted by E. D. Crisp, and adopted without discussion:

God has always called men to preach the truth, and, for the most part, these men of God have labored without large recompense—many times not receiving enough to support themselves and families. They have labored from the mountains to the seashore, and planted the truth in destitute sections, and we are now entering into the fruits of their labors. Many of these old saints have gone up higher to receive their rich reward, but a few of them linger here that we may minister to their needs in their declining years. It is not a duty to do this, but it is a priv-Jesus said, "As oft as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me." We now have 31 beneficiaries from These are asking help at our hands-not beg-24 Associations. ging. Your committee recommend that we take an offering in all our churches once a year for this object.

E. D. CRISP,

Committee.

The Historian submitted the following as his annual report, which was adopted:

Lower Creek church, with which the twenty-fourth session of the Caldwell County Baptist Association is being held, was organ-1826, with 11 Saturday in March, coming from King's Creek and Union churches, the names of whom are the following Isaac Sherrill, James Day, James Critchlow, Jeremiah Clarke, Mary Sherrill, Lucy Day, Martha Bailey, Achsah Kirby, Nancy Goldsby, Morgan Critchlow and Sarah Windscott. The constitution presbytery was Elders Benjamin Beach, Smith Ferguson, and Reuben Coffey, ordained preach ers, with Lewis Carlton, lay elder and Alexander west, deacon, The meeting for organization was held in an old log house near where the present house stands, and was known as the Powell meeting house, and was used in common by all denominations as a place of worship. Lower Creek church, though small in its beginning, has grown to be one of the strongest country churches in Western Carolina. She is the parent of eight churches, six

of which are living—two having disbanded. She has ordained eleven preachers, some of whom are living lives of great useful-She has never had a great many pastors, considering her Benjamin Beach, the pioneer preacher, was pastor elever age. Then Pilip Powell and others until about 1847, when the beloved John B. Powell became pastor, and served the church twenty-five years, and died, as he craved, in the service of the Master. Since the death of Powell, the church has had only three pastors-W. A. Pool, seven years, I. W. Thomas, six years, and J. M. Shaver, present pastor, who is serving in his 12th year. I wish to make special mention of Nathan Clarke, son of Jeremiah Clarke, one of the constituting members of Lower Creek church. He was born February 7, 1812, licensed to preach, 1839, and ordained, 1841, moved to Mississippi and labored in Kemper, Newton and Neshaba counties, baptizing more than 2,000 converts. assisted in the ordination of 150 preachers, was pastor of Decatur Baptist church 53 years, Newton church 35 years and was president of the General Association of Southeast Mississippi 48 years, He was also an officer in Mount Pisgah Association 44 years. died at the advanced age of 96 years. I must also mention Elder G. W. Greene, who has been a Missionary in China 17 years. was once a member of Lower Creek church. The good that has been accomplished by this church, eternity alone will reveal. One other matter we wish to notice is her missionary spirit. been said that Lower Creek church was "hard shell" at one time but such was not true, for, when the church was only three months old, every male member was assessed so much per member to be paid annually for the support of the gospel.

Since we last met as an Association, death has claimed three of our brethren-Newton Harvey Woods, Rev. Warren Moore, and Albert Estes. Relative to the last two, I am sorry I have no statistics. Bro. Warren Moore was an aged minister of the gospel and loved and respected by all who knew him. member of Pisgah church. Bro. Estes was a worthy member of Rocky Springs church, and was a good citizen, Bro. Woods was born August 31, 1834, and died August 29, 1908 aged 73 years, 11 months and 29 days. He united with Yadkin church abou 20 years before his death and was a consistant member at the time of his death. He was buried at Hudson, N. C., in the presence og a very large crowd of sympathizing relatives and friends. The funeral exercises were conducted by Revs. I. W. Thomas and J. R. J. Annas. He is survived by six sons and one daughter, to all of whom we extend our sympathies in their bereavement.

J. R. SWANSON.

The committee to name time, place and preacher of annual sermon for the next Association reported as follows:

Green Valley church, 6 miles from Collettsville, N. C., on Caldwell and Northern Railroad, as the place, Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1909, as the time, and R. P. Walker to preach the annual sermon with I. W. Thomas as alternate.

H. M. BEACH,
A. M. MAST,
M. E. ESTES,
J. C. BARKER.
J. L. McLOUD,

Committee.

R. P. Walker, E. D. Crisp, and I. C. Miller, committee to examine application of Concord church for membership in the Association, reported favorably, but the Association learning that there are some irregularities in the membership of the church, refused to admit the church to membership until the irregularities are corrected.

The following resolution was enthusiastically adopted:

Resolved—That language fails to express our heartfelt thanks, which are due and are hereby tendered the brethren and sisters of Lower Creek church and kind friends of the community, for their kind care of the delegates and visitors in attendance during the session of the Association.

J. G. BENFIELD, E. P. McCRARY, J. L. DAY.

Committee.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees to report at next Association:

State Missions—I. W. Thomas and R. H. Pipes. Foreign Missions—R. P. Walker and I. C. Miller. Home Missions—W. N. Cook and H. M. Beach. Education—W. M. Moore and J. A. Raby. Orphanage—F. P. Moore and Jos. Powell, Jr. Pastoral Support—A. E. Nelson and J. R. J. Annas. Temperance—J. H. Johnson and J. L. Beach. Sunday Schools—J. W. Whisnant and A. M. Mast. Periodicals—W. T. Beach and Y. D. Moore. Ministerial Relief—E. D. Crisp and E. P. McCrary.

The following were appointed an Executive committee to serve during the next Associational year: Jos. Powell, Jr., A. E. Nelson, J. L. Beach, J. V. McCall, R. P. Walker and J. H. Johnson.

Executive committee reported the following:

The stronger churches helping the weaker ones and supplying destitute places with the gospel is what is meant by Associational Missions. This, we are sad to say, is being neglected in our Association. The State Board of Missions, at our request, appropriated \$250 to our work at Freeland and the Cotton Mill section of Lenoir. Bro J. G. Benfield has been devoting three-fourths of his time to the above named places. He has done faithful and efficient work, and reports several conversions on the field. We believe the churches of this Association should raise a sufficient amount of money to carry on this work.

J. H. JOHNSON, Chairman.
JOS POWELL, Jr., Secretary.

The report was adopted.

F. P. Moore, Treasurer of Gospel Missions, submitted

the following report:

I have received \$160.04 for Gospel Missions since last Association. More laborers are needed. Let us look to the Lord of the harvest.

F. P. MOORE, Treasurer.

I. W. Thomas, Associational Treasurer, was not called on for report, but he refers the churches to minutes of 1907,

page 16, for report.

Agreed to take a collection at close of sermons tomorrow for State Missions. Devotional committee named J. V. McCall to conduct Sunday school Mass Meeting tomorrow at 10 A. M., and W. R. Bradshaw to preach in the house at 11 A. M., and J. G. Benfield to preach in the grove at same hour.

There appearing no further business, the body adjourned to meet at time and place of next Association. Benediction

by E. A. Poe.

J. V. McCALL, Moderator.

I. W. THOMAS, Secretary and Treasurer.

SUNDAY SERVICES—SEPTEMBER 27, 1908.

Met at 10 A. M. J. V. McCall presided over the Sunday school Mass Meeting and address of 10 minutes each, were delivered by W. T. Beach, Y. D. Moore, E. D. Crisp and J. V. McCall. The exercises were interspersed with

songs by the choir of Lower Creek church, assisted by a number of visitors. At 11 A. M., W. R. Bradshaw preached to a packed house from John 11:28—"The Master is come and calleth for thee." The sermon was tender and affectionate, and, doubtless, will effect great good. At the close a collection was taken for State Missions, amounting to \$13.75. Prayer by T. L. Blalock.

As the grove was filled with horses and vehicles, J. G. Benfield did not preach. Thus another pleasant, harmonious and profitable session of the Caldwell Association closes.

P. S.

The gain in our membership this year was 155—19 more than last year. There was a falling off in pastor's salary of \$439, and a gain of \$47.00 to Orphanage, and a gain af \$228 to Missions. Lenoir, Yadkin and Piney Grove churches have Ladies' Missionary Societies. The Lenoir society contributed to missions \$68.16. The Piney Grove Society contributed to missions and orphanage \$3.50. Lenoir Sunbeam Society contributed to missions \$14.38.

CLERK.

STATEMENT BY TREASURER.

Receipts For Orphanage \$ 44.81 "State Missions 42.90 "Home Missions 14.75 "Foreign Missions (G. P.) 28.93 "Foreign Missions (B. D.) 9.50 "Aged Ministers 1.35 "Ministers 31.67 Total \$173.91

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I. W. THOMAS.

Treasurer.

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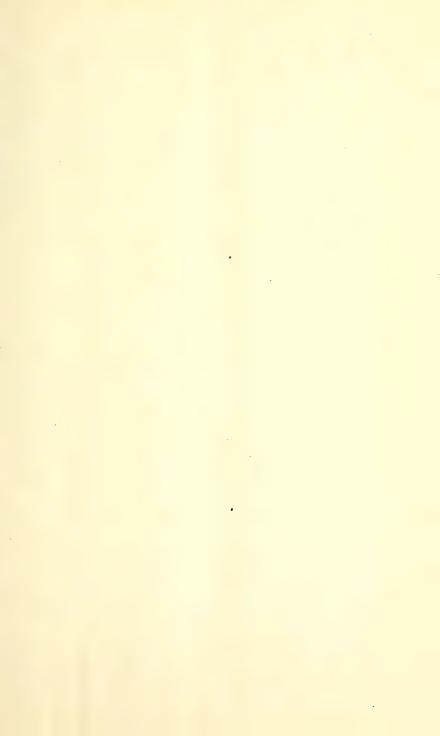
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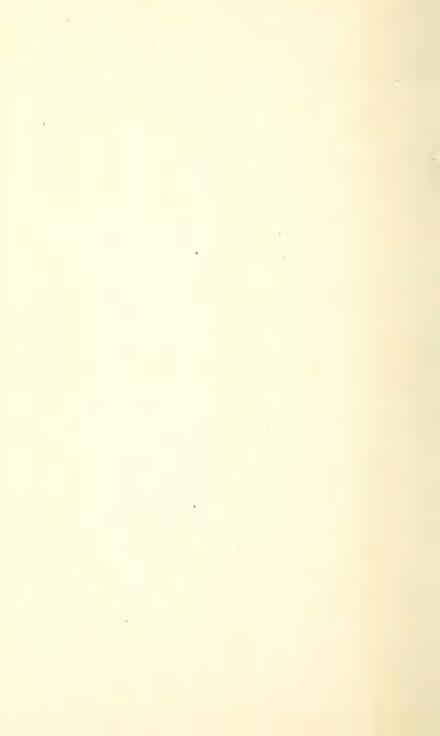
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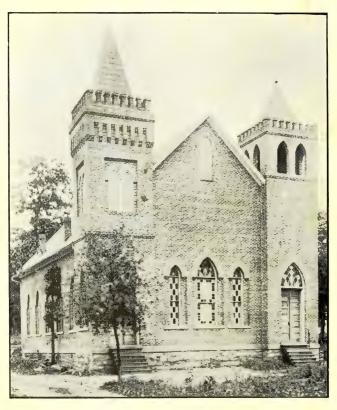
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PROCEEDINGS.

Green Valley Church,

Thursday, Sept. 23, 1909.

The Association was called to order in the beautiful new house of worship at 11:30 a. m., by J. V. McCall, Moderator of last session. The Introductory Sermon was preached by I. W. Thomas, from Luke 10:2. The purpose of the sermon was to call attention to the scarcity of young men, called of God to preach the gospel, in the bounds of the Caldwell and adjoining Associations. It was urged that the Churches pray the Lord of the Harvest to call young men, in our midst, into the work of the ministry, and that the churches become willing to give their pastors fuller support, so that our young men, whom the Lord may call into the ministry, may be induced to stay with us, and become the pastors of our churches. W. N. Cook led in prayer, after which an intermission of forty-five minutes was had.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:00 p. m. the body was again convened, and J. V. McCall read Psalm 103, and delivered a very appropriate address to the body. J. G. Benfield led in prayer.

Delegates then presented letters as their credentials, from their churches, and were enrolled as follows:

Bethany-W. A. McCall and T. C. Curtis.

Buffalo Cove—R. H. Pipes.

Blair's Fork—J. M. Harless, and Wm. Holsclaw.

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Dudley Shoals—Letter only.

Fleming Chapel—R. E. Fleming.

Green Valley-James Hayes, E. D. Crites, and Henry Hudspeth.

Green Rock-L. L. Hawkins.

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Lower Creek-J. D. Steele, J. R. Swanson, and M. E. Thompson.

Lenoir-Y. D. Moore and J. H. Johnson.

Lovelady-A. H. Bumgarner.

Mount Zion-J. C. Barker, G. W. Smith, and A. P. Annas.

Mountain Grove-W. L. Evans.

Nelson's Chapel-Letter only.

Piney Grove-J. B. McGhee, T. J. Pennel and J. P. Curtis.

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Pisgah-J. R. McMillan and Noah Austin.

Rhodhiss-C. C. Carlton and Simon Cline.

Rocky Springs—J. H. Dickson, J. H. Davis, R. A. Branch, and C. T. Leonard.

Sardis-W. A. Benfield, W. H. H. Hartley, and H. E. Austin.

Union-R. S. McCrary.

Union Grove-J. V. Smith.

Winkler's Grove-W. H. Winkler.

Wilson's Creek—Todd L. Cook.

Yadkin-E. M. Childers and J. H. Nelson, Jr.

Mulberry-J. R. Bowman.

Concord-N. F. Wilson and J. K. Fox.

The following officers were elected for ensuing year: J. V. Mc Call, Moderator, and I. W. Thomas, Clerk.

By invitation, J. J. L. Sherwood of the Three Fork Association, accepted a seat in the body.

Concord, a newly constituted church, made application for membership in the body, and the chair appointed J. R. J. Annas, J. B. Reid and D. S. Lee, a committee, to examine articles of faith, regularity of constitution, etc., and upon the favorable recommendation of the committee, the church was unanimously received, and names of delegates enrolled.

The Chair appointed the following committees:

Order of Business—J. L. Beach, W. N. Cook and J. G. Benfield, with Moderator and Clerk.

Finance—R. H. Pipes and J. R. Swanson.

Time, Place and Preacher for next Association—H. M. Beach, W. T. Sherrill, W. A. Benfield, I. G. Green and M. C. Estes.

Devotion—Pastor and Delegates of Green Valley Church. Resolutions—W. H. H. Hartley, J. B, McGhee and Y. D. Moore.

Agreed to have a sermon tomorrow at 11:30 a.m.

The Chair substituted J. G. Benfield on Foreign Mission report and Y. D. Moore on Educational Report.

Committee on Devotional Exercises named J. G. Benfield to conduct song and prayer services tomorrow at 9:30 a. m. and J. J. L. Sherwood to preach at 11:30 a. m.

Adjourned. Benediction by J. R. J. Annas.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1909.

J. G. Benfield conducted devotional exercises for thirty minutes. The body was called to order and H. C. Moore led in prayer. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Visitors accepted seats as follows: H. C. Moore, editor Biblical Recorder, S. H. Averett, treasurer of Thomasville Orphanage and J. P. Hagaman, of Three Fork Association.

Committee on Order of Business reported: The report was accepted, and placed in the hands of the Moderator for his guidance. Appointed W. N. Cook, J. G. Benfield, J. M. Perry and I. W. Thomas delegates to Baptist State Convention. Appointed I. W. Thomas, with Y. D. Moore as alternate, delegates to Southern Baptist Convention.

Elected I. W. Thomas Treasurer of the Association.

Elected J. V. McCall member of State Mission Board for this Association. The Chair named J. H. Johnson, A. M., Mast and W. A. Benfield to nominate an Executive Committee for the Association.

Committee on Temperance reported, and after remarks by H. C. Moore, D. S. Lee, J. J. L. Sherwood, R. H. Pipes and J. B. Reid, the report was adopted as follows:

Believing, as we do, that the churches are largely responsible for the morals of the country, we feel it our duty to do all we can to surpress every agency that promotes immorality. The devil has many agencies, and

among them is strong drinks, against which prohibition has set itself, and we are advised by the leaders of this movement that we have reached a crisis in the work. We therefore ask all Christians to be faithful and the victory is sure. Let us keep in mind that the distillery, the brewery and the saloons are all weapons, in the hands of Satan, to aid in dragging the people down to hell. Take for example the State of Illinois, which has appropriated \$600,000 to take care of her insane, and whiskey is responsible for 75 per cent of that trouble alone, to say nothing of the un. told suffering in other respects. I should be glad if I could impress all Christian people, and all others too, of the alarming danger along the line of cigarette smoking. A tobacco salesman was asked, if the brand of pipe and cigarette tobacco he was boasting was doped with opium, and he said, "sure! I could not sell a case to the retailers, if I did not assure them that it is highly doped." Judge Ben B. Lindsy, who presides over the Juvenile Court in Denver says that thousands and thousands of boys have disgraced themselves and their parents and brought sorrow and misery upon themselves, and the Judge says he knows of no one habit that is responsible for so much of these troubles as the smoking of cigarettes. The business world is getting so aroused to the danger of opium that the States of Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Indiana and Illinois have recently forbid the manufacture and sale of cigarettes. Your committee urges prayerful watchfulness and care along this line. I. H. JOHNSON.

J. L. BEACH, Committee.

Y. D. Moore read a report on Periodicals, which, after addresses by H. C. Moore, Y. D. Moore and S. H. Averett, was adopted as follows:

Your committee on Periodicals wishes to submit the following report: We are told that the subscription lists of the Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children are getting larger year by year. From statistical reports of these papers, we are led to believe that five Baptists during the past year read these papers to every three the year before. This is encouraging, but there is much urging yet for those who have "tasted and found it sweet." These blessed comforts must actually be forced on some of our dear brethren and this is a mission for every one of the thousands now enjoying the blessings of these papers. Brother, sister, see to it that your neighbor has this literature in the home. We notice that every woman that belongs to the Woman's Missionary Union is a regular subscriber to our Foreign Missionary Journal. The Journal is very dear to her. She reads it, she actually studies it, and keeps well informed concerning our Missions. The more she knows of the Mission work, the more interested she becomes, and the more freely she contributes of her means to sending the gospel of Christ where it is unknown. Brother,

encourage your wife, or mother, or sister, to join a Woman's Missionary Union. Then too, every Baptist father should have within easy reach of the members of his household a history of the Baptist denomination, It will make us stronger to know that the apostles were the first Baptist ministers, and that we have a gloriously connected history from those days to the present. Get strength, and may the Lord guide us.

Y. D. MOORE,

for Committee.

The special order having arrived, J. J. L. Sherwood preached an excellent sermon from Jno. 17:1. Prayer by H. C. Moore. Adjourned to 2:00 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by J. J. L. Sherwood. C. M. Robinson, of South Fork and R. J. Minton of Three Forks Associations accepted seats in the body. The report on Orphanage not being ready, S. H. Averett was invited to address the body in the interest of the Orphanage. After the splendid address, a cash collection was taken for the orphans' amounting to \$8.42, which was turned over to S. H. Averett.

Appointed J. B. Reid to write a report on Orphanage, and submit tomorrow. In absence of any report on Pastoral Support, it was moved the report of last year (see minutes of 1908, page 8) be read and adopted as the report of this year. The motion prevailed, and pending adoption, discussion was participated in by J. L. Beach, D. S. Lee, R. H. Pipes, J. V. McCall, and C. M. Robinson. The report was then adopted.

The Committee to nominate an Associational Executive Committee reported the names of Joseph Powell, Y. D. Moore, J. V. McCall, J. H. Johnson and Joe C. Moore. These were then elected by the body to serve for the next year.

The Committee on time, place, and preacher for next Association, reported Granite Falls as the place, Thursday before fourth Sunday in September, 1910 as the time and J. G. Benfield to preach the introductory sermon, with J. B.

Reid as alternate. The report was adopted. I. W. Thomas, Treasurer, submitted his report for 1908. The report was approved. (See Minutes of 1908, page 19.)

F. P. Moore, Treasurer of Gospel Missions, reported as follows:

I have received \$221.61 for Gospel Missions, since last Association. Romans 1:14 tells us, if we have been saved by God's grace that we are debtors to all men and the only way to pay this debt is to send the gospel into all the world. Honest men pay their debts when they can. Are you an honest Christian? Read Mark 16:15 and 1 Cor. 6:19-20.

F. P. MOORE, Treasurer.

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Lenoir Academy submitted the following as his annual report, which after remarks by J. V. McCall, was adopted:

I regret to have to report this year again that we have had no school. It is all attributable, I think, to the fact that we have been unable to procure a suitable man to take charge of the Institution as principal. We have selected and elected two or three good men to take charge, but all have declined. Through our Agent, J. V. McCall, the buildings and lands are kept rented at a fairly good monthly rental, and the proceeds have been applied to the liquidation of a note, given by the trustees, at the time the property was turned over to this Association, to buy the stock of certain stockholders, who would not donate their stock, and to reimburse parties who had advanced money for the institution. I am glad to report that the buildings are kept insured, and that there is no indebtedness on the property. Our Treasurer, J. V. McCall, has also returned to subscribers money given to build an annex, or addition, to the school building, undertaken while Prof. J. A. White was in charge, and abandoned because money enough was not subscribed to complete the contemplated improvements. It may be agreed upon by trustees to put water in building in the near future, as the property will bring a higher rent with water than without, and, if we shall ever succeed in starting a school again, water will be a necessity. We think this can be done by using the money that comes into the treasury from rents.

I. W. THOMAS, Chairman Board of Trustees.

The Associational Executive Committee submitted the following as their annual report:

We are glad to report progress in almost every department of our church work. The State Mission Board was asked to make appropriations to aid our work at several points, and responded as liberally as contributions would allow. When R. P. Walker resigned as missionary at Lenoir and Whitnel Cotton Mills, we asked I. W. Thomas to take the work at the above places, and the Board approved our action, and transferred the work to him. He is doing the work to the satisfaction of all interested, We also note with pleasure that the forming of a field out of Lower Creek and King's Creek churches, and calling J. G. Benfield as pastor for all his time, has proven very satisfactory. We hope other churches will try this plan. We believe our work can be greatly advanced by combinations of this kind. We must earnestly request the Association to take some steps toward opening our Baptist High School at Lenoir. Certainly we do not realize the loss our cause is sustaining every year the institution remains closed. Early in the year I. W. Thomas, having three Sundays in the month at his own disposal, and feeling impressed to do some Missionary and colporteur work in the bounds of our Association, we gave him our hearty endorsement, and he reports as follows for the nearly four months he was engaged in the work: Preached at Barnett, Mount Bethel, Beachville and Fair View school houses and in a grove at Elkinville as Mission points. He visited and preached to several of our churches, giving two Sunday mornings in each month for four months to our pastorless church in Lenoir. He received from churches, mission points and individuals about \$25.00 for services. He sold nearly \$100.00 worth of our denominational books. He is of the opinion that the churches of this body ought to make up by voluntary contribution the sum of \$40.00 or \$50.00, as a colporteur fund, and place same in hands of treasurer of this body to buy Baptist books with, at discount prices, and place said books in hands of a regular colporteur, or in hands of our pastors, or with Y. D. Moore, in his book stote at Lenoir, to be sold at publishers retail prices, allowing colporteur, or whoever handles the books, the difference between the wholesale and retail prices, as a profit or renumeration for services. Brother Thomas says our people buy books readily and he sees great need of this work being done, and believes the Association ought to give its indorsement to this work, and furnish the money to carry it forward. IOE POWELL.

Committee.

It was moved to postpone that part of the report, relative to calporteur work until tomorrow morning for further consideration. The motion carried and the report was adopted. Committee on Devotion named J. R. J. Annas to conduct praise and prayer services tomorrow 9;30 a. m. and J.

B. Reid to preach at 11:30 a. m. Adjourned. Benediction by C. M. Robbinson.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1909.

J. R J. Annas conducted devotional exercises for 30 minutes, after which the Moderator called the body to order, and E. D. Crisp led in prayer. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Took up reference to colpeteur, and, after remarks by J. J. L. Sherwood, I. W. Thomas and others as to the importance of the Association engaging in this work, the following churches pledged \$1,00 each: Bethany, Buffalo Cove, Blair's Fork, Clarke's Chapel, Conways Chapel, Fleming Chapel, Green Rock, Granite Falls, John's River, Lovelady, Mount Zion, Mountain Grove, Nelson's Chapel, Piney Grove, Pisgah, Rhodhiss, Sardis, Union, Union Grove, Wilson's Creek, Yadkin, Mulberry, Concord. Globe, \$2.00; King's Creek, \$1.50; Lenoir, \$2.00; Lower Creek, \$2.00; and Rocky Springs, \$1.50. The following individuals pledged \$1.00 each: J. B. Reid, W. S. Cook, J. S. Franklin, J. R. J. Annas, and Miss Annie Estes. The following paid 50 cents each: Jas. Smith, J. V. Mc-Call, J. T. Hayes, J. G. Benfield, H. M. and W. T. Beach, W. N. Cook, J. D. Steele, J. R. Swanson, R. H. Pipes, Stuart Hass, A. A. Smith and W. A. McCall. The following paid 25 cents each: I. J. Greene, D. S. Lee, Dewey Mast, and R. S. McCrary. J. P. Hagaman paid \$1.00. Total \$46.50.

The direction and management of the colporteur work was placed in the hands of the Executive Committee of the Association.

The following report on Orphanage was read, and, after remarks by J. B. Reid, was adopted:

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville was established in 1885 with 171 acres of Land, with one building completed and one under construction. From this small beginning has developed the present plant, of which we are all justly proud. The farm consists of 450 acres of land with a sufficient number of buildings to accomodate about 400 children. We do not mean to say the farm will support this number of children. It will not, but it helps. These helpless children must be clothed, fed and educated largely by the voluntary contributions of our churches and Sunday schools. We have many Bible encouragements to give to this worthy and deserving institution, as well as to all good causes. Prov. 11:25; the liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. Jesus said, "For the poor always ye have with you, and whensoever ye will, ye may do them good." What class of the poor could be more indigent than these helpless ones who have, in some instances neither father nor mother. What is more sad than a child weeping by the side of the casket of a father or mother, and then to see the same child turned out without a home? We have nearly 400 of these helpless and dependent ones at Thomasville, who are stretching out a pleading hand for help. They must be sheltered, clothed, fed and educated. We would urge the churches, from time to time, to take collections for the orphanage, and especially would we urge the Sunday Schools to take collections monthly, and forward to these who need our help, prayers and sympathy. Also the Sunday schools should take Charity and Children.

J. B. REID.

Pledges for the Orphanage were then taken as follows: Bethany, \$2; Buffalo Cove, \$4.00; Blair's Fork, \$5.00; Conway's Chapel, \$1.00; Clarke's Chapel, \$1.00; Fleming Chapel, \$1.00; Green Valley, \$5.00; Green Rock, \$1.00; Granite Falls, \$10.00; Globe, \$20.00; King's Creek, \$15.00; Lower Creek, \$10.00; Lenoir, \$25.00; Lovelady, \$1.00; Mountain Grove, \$1.00; Pisgah, \$3.00; Rhodhiss, \$3.00; Mount Zion, \$3.00; Rocky Springs, \$5.00; Sardis, \$2.00; Union, \$5.00; Wilson's Creek, \$1.00; Yadkin, \$1.00; Mulberry, \$2.00; Piney Grove, \$3.00; Total \$124.00.

The Report on Ministerial Relief was read, and, after remarks by E. D. Crisp was adopted as follows:

The aged Ministers' Relief Board was established in 1890. The pur pose of this Board is to help worthy and worn out Baptist Ministers, who have devoted a great deal of their lives, without much remuneration, to the preaching of the glorious gospel of the blessed God, to the destitute.

Some of these brethren receive more than \$100,00 a year, some less

\$50.00. We recommend that each church in this Association take a liberal collection between this and Christmas for this noble and God-given cause. Last year we reported 31 beneficiaries. We now have 32.

E. D. CRISP, for Committee

Special order having arrived, J. B. Reid preached a good sermon from Eph. 2:1. Prayer by I. W. Thomas. Took a recess to 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met 2 p. m. Prayer by J. P. Hagaman. The report on Education was submitted, and after an address by D. S. Lee, was adopted as follows:

By education we mean the intellectual training and development of the human mechanism. We heartily endorse and recommend, as a medium of primary education, the well organized public school system of our county. For college preparatory education, we recommend our Baptist High School and Mars Hill, whose steady growth and efficient management for 12 years has won universal recognition. We further recommend Wake Forest College, as being second to no male college in the State. The graduating class of 1909, numbering 74, broke the record, not only of Wake Forest, but of all other institutions in the State. Meredith College for girls is second to no other female College in the State. Our Mountain Baptists are not patronizing our high schools and colleges as they should. Ministerial education is a most important endeavor.

The great effort to educate the masses demands of the churches a better educated ministry. It has been the history of devine providence to call into the ministry men without education and money. What then must we do, if we would have an educated ministry? No young man can afford to enter the ministry without an education. Every Baptist minister, who can, should attend for awhile, at least, our Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. Our forefathers in the ministry deserve great honor for their untiring energy and efficient labors, but they realized the demands upon the young and rising ministry for a better education. Ignorance is a great enemy to our cause. Let us encourage and help in ministerial education.

D. S. LEE, for Committee

A. M. Mast read the following report on Sunday schools:

What is a Sunday school? Let us see how Webster and Dr. Hamill answer this question: Webster says, "It is a school held on Sunday for the study of the Bible and receiving religious instructions." Dr. Hamill says, "A Sunday school is a Christian Church engaged in teaching and studying the Holy Scriptures." We believe they have the correct idea of what a Sunday School is. What should be taught in the Sunday school? The Bible, of course, as it is the only rule of faith and practice

of our denomination. It is our guiding star to show us the way of all truth, life and salvation. What should be the real object of our Sunday schools? To learn the Holy Scriptures which are able to make us wise unto salvation, and to win souls to Christ through Christian influence and teaching. Then, as many souls are won to Christ through the Sunday school, we would urge every church in this Association to run an evergreen Sunday school.

A. M. MAST.

The report was adopted, and discussion was postponed till 10 a. m. tomorrow.

The following report on State Missions was submitted, and, after remarks by I. W. Thomas, the report was adopted:

State Missions is preaching the gospel in the destitute places in North Carolina, and notwithstanding we have been doing State Mission work for nearly one hundred years, there yet remains much to be done. are in Eastern Carolina, almost whole counties without Baptist Churches, or Baptist preachers. Then there are new towns and villages, springing up yearly in many parts of our State, and these must be supplied with preachers, or they will become places of vice and wickedness, and, if we do not act at once, other denominations will get ahead of us and we will be at a disadvantage. This is exemplified in our own Association. In the last few years, the following villages have sprung up: Rhodhiss, Dudley Shoals, Whitnel Cotton Hill, Valmead, Mortimer and Edgemont, and in some of these other denominations have gotten on the ground first. We must strenghten our stakes at home, if we would lengthen our cords abroad. This is what we are trying to do in State Mission work. Last year 153 Missionaries were employed by our State Board. These preached 9,692 sermons, baptized 2,047 persons, witnessed 2,934 conversions, and organized 11 churches. Forty thousand dollars were expended last year in State Mission work, and of this amount our Association contributed \$250. The work for this year is based on \$40,000, and up to this time about \$12,000 have been raised. The State Board is doing work this year in our Association, at Rhodhiss, Granite Falls, Whitnel and Cotton Mill, near Lenoir. We plead with every church in the Association to pledge liberally for State Missions.

I. W. THOMAS.

The following pledges were made for State Missions:

Bethany, \$2.00; Buffalo Cove, \$3.00; Blair's Fork, \$3.00; Conway's Chapel, \$1.00; Green Valley, \$5.00; Green Rock, \$1.00; Granite Falls, \$10.00; King's Creek, \$10.00; Lower Creek, \$15.00; Lenoir, \$25.00; Mount Zion, \$3.00; Mountain Grove, \$1.00; Piney Grove, \$2.00; Pisgah, \$1.00; Rhodhiss, \$2.00; Rocky Springs, \$5.00; Sardis, \$5.00; Wilson's Creek, \$1.00; and Yadkin, \$2.00; Total \$97.00.

W. N. Cook offered following report on Home Missions, which, after remarks by W. N. Cook, J. G. Benfield and I. W. Thomas, was adopted:

Home Missions is that part of the work of the Southern Baptist Convention which seeks to supply the destitution in the South with the gospel. To do this it requires time and money. One reason why we have not done more for this work is that we know so little about it. Foreigners are coming to our Southland by tens of thousands every year. These we must look after, or they will bring evil devices to our enlightened South. Think of 800,000 foreigners in Missouri, half of whom are in the city of St. Louis. In New Orleans there are about 35,000 people of foreign birth. In Louisana there are 200,000 people who speak the French language; and in Texas there are between three and four hundred thousand Mexicans; and there are other States with many foreigners living in them. They must have the gospel preached to them, and it must be done through the agency of men. We also have the negro and the Indians among us. We must give them the gospel also. Let us hold up the hands of our Missionaries already on the field, and also provide means to supply others, and may we realize that we are doing the Lord's work.

> W. N. COOK, Committee,

Pledges were made for Home Missions as follows:

Bethany, \$2.00; Buffalo Cove, \$1.00; Granite Falls, \$10.00; Lower Creek, \$5.00; Lenoir, \$20.00; King's Creek, \$3.00; Lovelady, \$1.00; Mulberry, \$1.00; Mount Zion, \$2.00; Mountain Grove, \$1.00; Piney Grove, \$1.00; Rhodhiss, \$1.00; Sardis, \$1.00; Total \$49.00.

The report on Foreign Missions was submitted, and after an address by J. G. Benfield, was adopted as follows:

Never in the history of Missions have the doors of foreign fields been so wide open, nor the calls for laborers so loud as at present. In almost every letter from the missionaries our attention is called to the great destitution and the need of more laborers. Many young men and women have expressed their willingness and desire to go. Jesus says, "Go," we have the means at our disposal to send every one that is ready to go.

The great desire of our Savior is that the gospel be preached to "every creature." Can we say we are loyal to our Master, and withhold the bread of life from the perishing millions? Will he say to us, "well done?" God is greatly blessing the work of our Missionaries. Last year there were 231 Missionaries working under our Foreign Mission Board with 375 native helpers, making a total of 606. There were 559 out stations and 259 churches, with a total membership of 16,596 and 325 Sunday schools with a total of 10,430 scholars. There were nearly 3,000 con-

verts baptized during the year, but the largest results due to the leavening power of the gospel among the people can not be tabulated. We urge upon our churches the importance of increasing their contributions to this gaeat work.

J. G. BENFIELD,

Committee.

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Bethany, \$2.00; Buffalo Cove, \$3.00; Granite Falls, \$10.00; Lenoir, \$25.00; Lower Creek, \$15.00; King's Creek, \$15.00; Lovelady, \$2.00; Mulberry, \$1.00; Mount Zion, \$2.00; Mountain Grove, \$1.00; Piney Grove, \$1.00; Rhodhiss \$3.00; Blair's Fork, \$5.00; Conway's Chapel, \$1.00; Clarke's Chapel, \$3.00; Fleming Chapel, \$1.00; Green Valley, \$4.00; Green Rock, \$1.00; Sardis, \$3.00; Rocky Springs, \$10.00; Union, 5.00; Wilson's Creek, \$1.00; Yadkin, \$7.00; Total \$117.00.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report:

Received from the churches for various objects as follows: 46.34 State Missions'.............. 25.40 8.30 Foreign Missions (Board) 28.55 21.52 1.00 30.65 1.00

The report was accepted, and money turned over to the Treasurer.

The Historian submitted the following report:

Green Valley Church, with which the twenty-fifth annual session of the Caldwell County Association is being held, was organized February 22nd, 1889, with fifteen members. Elders John Crisp and A. S. Church, of the Caldwell and E. M. Gragg of the Stony Fork Associations were the constituting presbytery. Elder E. D. Crisp was called as first pastor, and served ten years. Since the expiration of Brother Crisp's pastorate, the church has been served by Elders J. B. Phillips. J. H. Nelson, J. M. Payne and J. P. Hagaman, the last named being pastor at present. The church is in a flourishing condition, having recently built a nice commodious house of worship, and the membership has increased to 75, and and this church promises to become one of the leading churches in the Association. The Lord has been gracious to us the past year, and not many of our brethren and sisters have died. We would mention the death of Brother Henry Steele, an aged and worthy member of Lower

Creek Church. He died July 23rd, 1909, aged 91 years. He was baptised into the fellowship of Lower Creek Church in the fall of 1890, and lived the rest of his life a worthy and consistent member of that church.

J. R. SWANSON.

The following resolution of thanks was unanimously adopted:

Resolved—That we express our heartfelt thanks to the brethren and sisters of Green Valley Church, and to the friends of the community, for their kind care of the delegates and visitors in attendance upon the session of this Association.

W. H. H. HARTLEY, for Committee.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees to write and submit reports at the next session:

State Missions—W. T. Beach and E. D. Crisp. Home Missions—J. G. Benfield and A. M. Mast. Foreign Missions—I. W. Thomas and Jas. Powell. Education—J. W. Whisnant and J. B. Reid. Orphanage—W. N. Cook and Eli Childress. Pastoral Support—Y. D. Moore and R. H. Pipes. Temperance—J. L. Beach and J. R. Swanson. Sunday Schools—J. H. Johnson and C. C. Carlton. Periodicals—J. G. Benfield and H. M. Beach. Ministerial Relief—W. H. H. Hartley and J. K. Fox.

Allowed Clerk \$8 00 out of minute fund for his services and directed him to expend balance for printing and distributing minutes to the churches. Ordered the \$1.00 for Associational Missions in finance committee's report, transferred to Colporteur's fund, as the Association is not doing any associational mission work. The Committee on Devotion report d Sunday School mass meeting from 10 to 11 a. m. tomorrow and J. G. Benfield to preach at 11 a. m.

Added E. D. Crisp and I. W. Thomas to committee on Union meetings.

There appearing no further business, the body adjourned to time and place of next meeting. Benediction by J. R. J. Annas.

J. V. McCALL, Moderator.

I. W. THOMAS, Secretary and Treasurer.

SUNDAY SERVICE—SEPTEMBER 26, 1909.

Met 10 A. M. Had a fine song service by the Green Valley choir, assisted by others, after which E. D. Crisp led in prayer. The Sunday school report was then taken up and discussed by W. M. Frankum and J. V. McCall. The meeting was presided over by W. T. Beach. At 11:30 J. G. Benfield preached from Luke 2:29 and 30. At close of sermon, a collection was taken for State Missions, amounting to \$5.73. The session, while not as largely attended as some, has been very harmonious, spiritual and helpful. In some features of our work, we have made small gains, in others we have fallen behind. Let us all work and pray that next year may show larger results than any year of our history. Let those appointed to write reports for next year, be prompt, and write short, condensed and pointed reports. Have them type-written if conven-CLERK. ient.

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Proceedings

Granite Falls, N. C., Thursday, Sept. 22, 1910.

The Association was called to order at 2:30 p. m. by J. V. McCall, Moderator of the last session. The body was delighted to hold its session in the beautiful new house of worship, erected at a great sacrifice by the brethren and sisters of Granite Falls church. The house is a credit to these good people, their town and our denomination. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. V. McCall. He read Isiah 53rd chapter. Prayer by I. C. Miller. Joseph Powell and W. G. Whisnant were appointed reading clerks, and the following churches presented letters by the hand of their messengers who were enrolled as follows:

Antioch Church—J. R. Burns, C. H. Harris, T. G. Whis nant.

Bethany—T. C. Curtis, D. S. Lee.

Buffalo Cove-R. H. Pipes, Luther Pipes.

Blair's Fork-W. M. Lackie, William Holtsclaw.

Concord-S. C. Bryant, N. F. Wilson, Larkin Travis.

Clarke's Chapel—A. C. Clarke.

Conway's Chapel—Not represented.

Dudley Shoals-W. D. Wilkie, W. F. F. Palmer.

Fleming's Chapel—W. S. McCall.

Globe-Julius Gragg.

Green Valley-J. T. Hayes, J. S. Franklin, M. J. Cook.

Granite Falls-W. G. Whisnant, F. R. Tilley, H. C. Mackie.

Green Rock-Francis Hawkins, L. L. Hawkins.

John's River—I. G. Greene.

Lenoir, 1st.—J. V. McCall, Y. D. Moore, W. M. Moore.

Lenoir, 2nd-J. M. Harless.

Lower Creek—J. R. Swanson, R. G. Thompson, Hester McGowan, R. L. Steele, R. L. Austin.

Lovelady—Pink Bumgarner, Jay Kirby, Felix Kirby, A. P. Kirby.

King's Creek—H. M. Beach, G. H. Kirby, J. A. Raby, J. S. Hass.

Mountain Grove-W. L. Evans.

Mt. Zion-J. C. Barker, G. J. Miller, Robert Icard.

Mulberry-Not represented.

Nelson's Chapel-E. L. Curtis.

Pisgah-Noah Austin, Noah Bently.

Piney Grove-W. C. Sullivan, W. W. Turnmire.

Poovey's Grove-L. D. Kellar.

Rhodhiss-C M. Ervin, J. J. Furgeson.

Rocky Springs-R. A. Branch.

Sardis—W. A. Benfield, J. R. Barber, J. A. Woods, J. P. Herman, W. H. H. Hartley.

Union-W. L. Roberts, E. P. McCrary.

Union Grove-R. B. Beach, W. J. Bean.

Winkler's Grove-W. H. Winkler, J. C. Hosley.

Wilson's Creek-W. S. Cook.

Whitnel-J. H. Johnson, P. S. Barber, R. M. Smith.

Yadkin-A. E. Nelson.

The body was permantly organized by electing J. V. Mc-Call Moderator and J. R. Swanson Clerk, J. A. Raby and E. L. Curtis acting as Tellers. Received Whitnel as a newly constituted church and Antioch by letter from the Catawba River Association and the Moderator extended to the delegates the right hand of fellowship. Visiting brethren accepted seats as follows: A. Johnson, of Charity & Children; E. L. Middleton, Corresponding Secretary of Sunday School Board; J. J. Beach, of South Fork, and W. R. Beach of the Raleigh Association, V. M. Carter of South Yadkin Association, and J. J. L. Sherwood of the Three Fork Association.

The Moderator named H. M. Beach and R. H. Pipes committee on finance, J. A. Raby, J. C. Barker, W. J. Whisnant, W. W. Turnmire and W. L. Robert: as committee on time

and place of next meeting, J. J. L. Sherwood with delegates of Granite Falls church as committee on devotional exercises, J. S. Gwaltney, W. H. H. Hartley and J. R. Barber as committee on resolutions. Requeste I J. G. Benfield to preach introductory sermon at 7:30 Thursday night and agreed to take up report or Sunday Schools immediately after sermon and asked E. L. Middleton to speak on report.

Committee on arrangements, I. W. Thomas, J. S. Gwaltney and E. L. Middleton with Moderator and Clerk. Agreed to meet Friday morning at 9:30, spend thirty minutes in devotional exercises, begin business at 10, adjourn at 11:30 to hear sermon, meet at 2 p. m. and adjourn at pleasure.

Devotional committee named W. N. Cook to conduct religious exercises Friday at 9 a. m. and J. J. Beach to preach at 11:30, adjourned to meet at 7:30 Thursday night. Benediction by I. W. Thomas.

Night session met as per adjournment: Prayer by E. L. Middleton. Introductory sermon by J. G. Benfield from Isaiah 52:1; after which committee on Sunday School reports, remarks by E. L. Middleton. Report adopted as follows:

The Sunday School is an institution in the hands of the church to aid in bringing people to Christ. It is for all—old and young—and we believe it is the duty of all who can to attend it. It not only brings them closer, but keeps them closer to Christ. We urge all Christians to lay hold on it, for it is a great power for good.

J. H. Johnson.

The following resolutions were also adopted: Resolved, that we appoint a committee of two to organize and lead our Associational Sunday School work, and that this committee also co-operate with our State Sunday School committee and secretary in their policies. Further, that we ask all our schools to take one collection per year for Sunday School Missions and forward same to Walters Durham, Raleigh, N. C.

Adjourned to meet Friday at 9 o'clock a. m. Benediction by W. R. Beach.

FRIDAY'S SESSION.

Met as per adjournment. Devotional exercises conducted by W. N. Cook. Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved. Committee of arrangements reported and report received and placed in hands of Moderator for his guidance.

At this point a petition was received from Second Lenoir Baptist Church asking for membership in this body, which was received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

Committee on periodicals report, and after remarks by J. G. Benfield and W. R. Beach, report was adopted as follows:

There are hundreds of Baptist homes within the bounds of the Caldwell Association where no religious paper or magazine is taken. When we take this fact into consideration, there is no wonder that our churches are weak spiritually, and their contributions to all benevolent objects small. Our people need information. Through the ear-gate and eye gate this information must come. We must have an informed ministry before we can have an informed people. No minister should think of leading a flock as shepherd who does not keep himself informed with the workings of his denomination and the needs of the hour. He cannot inform who is not informed. But all the information our people need cannot be gotten from the pastors; they must read for themselves. Never will conditions be much better till we succeed in getting our people to read good religious literature. heartily commend The Biblical Recorder. It is the paper that has espoused our cause for seventy five years; it sheds light on every phase of our denominational work; it acquaints us with our brethren and sisters, whose faces we never see; it lifts us up to a height from which we get a bird's eye view of the Baptist host of North Carolina, and lets us look even beyoud the border lines. No one can read its pages without being s rengthened and helped. The Foreign Mission Journal, The Home Field and Charity & Children are also indespensible. We urge upon the pastors to strive during the coming year to put The Biblical Recorder, especially, in the homes of our people.

J. G. BENFIELD.

Committe on State Missions reported, and after remarks by E. L. Middleton, report was adopted as follows:

State Missions is preaching the Gospel of the Blessed God in the destitute sections of our own beloved state. We believe that our God is leading us, His peculiar people, to carry His last and great command, "Go, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." An Open Door, as never before, it seems to us, is before us. Shall we enter and possess the good land? God grant that we, to an individual Christian, may heed the call of our Lord and Master until every inch of North C-rolina is taken for Him. We earnestly request every charch in this Association to take a collection for State Missions and forward to Walter Durham, Treasurer Baptist State Convention, Raleigh, N. C., between now and third Sunday in November, 1910.

E. D. CRISP.

Special order having arrived, J. J. Beach preached a very interesting and touching sermon from John 21:22. Prayer by John Crisp. Adjourned up il 2 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

At 2 p. m. the body was again called to order. Prayer by J. J. Beach. Answer to querry from Sardis Church: "We, your Committee of Arrangements, submit our answer to following querry: 'Is it in accordance with the teachings of the Scriptures to receive money raised at box and ice cream suppers for religious purposes?' Our answer is No.'

Whereupon the following resolution was offered and accepted:

Resolved that it is the sense of this body that the raising of funds for the Lord's cause by box suppers and entertainments tending to levity is unscriptural and should not be partici-

pated in by God's people.

E. D. CRISP, W. N. COOK, I. C. MILLER.

Committee on Orphanage reported, and after remarks by W. N. Cook and A. Johnson, a collection was taken for the Orphanage, amounting to \$8.48 which was turned over to A. Johnson. Report was adopted as follows:

The number of children now under the care of our Orphanage is 385. This is the second largest Orphanage in the Southern States. There are ten houses grouped about the central building, each home presided over by a teacher and matron. Twenty six women and seven men are giving their whole time to the Orphanage work. The cost per capita of supporting the children is \$7.15 per month. This means at least \$100 a day must come into the hands of the treasurer in order to pay the bills. There are about five hundred Baptist Sunday Schools in North Carolina giving a monthly collection to the Orphanage. This plan has proved to be exceedingly helpful to the institution, and to the Sunday School as well.

The board of trustees at their July meeting passed a resolution applying to our people for funds to build a church house at the Orphanage. We, therefore, would urge every church in this Association to observe Thanksgiving Day by taking a liberal collection for the Orphanage, and each Sunday School to take a collection each month for this purpose.

W. N. Cook.

Committee on ministerial relief reported as follows:

If there is any object that appeals to the hearts of the members of the church it is the case of these who have worn their lives away for the cause of Jesus and now have not enough of this world's goods to support them comfortably. We would urge all our pastors to take at least one collection yearly for this worthy cause. It would greatly encourage our younger ministers to let loose of the world and consecrate themselves more wholly to the work of preaching the gospel.

W. H. H. HARTLEY.

After remarks by W. H. H. Hartley, W. R. Beach, I. W. Thomas, I. C. Miller, J. J. L. Sherwood and others, report was adopted.

Committee on temperance reported as follows:

It is not to be imagined that our work for temperance is done yet. The passage of prohibition laws in North Carolina was a great step in the right direction, but to maintain these laws and see that they are carried out will be a battle second only to that by which they have been won. The church has been a great factor in bringing about the results we have gained and she must be a great factor in holding the results thus gained. Let us, then, as an Association and as churches and individuals, strive to hold every inch of ground we have gained by keeping constantly before the rising generation the evils and personal dangers of strong drink and of intemperance in any form and by urging the enforcement of the prohibition laws in Caldwell County.

J. L. BEACH.

After remarks by J. L. Beach, C. M. Ervin, I. W. Thomas, W. R. Beach and others, report was adopted.

Committee on devotion reported. I. C. Mider to conduct devotional exercises Saturday morning at nine o'clock. W. R. Beach to preach at 11:30. Adjourned to meet Friday night at 7:30. Benediction by J. R. J. Annas.

Met at 7:30 p. m. Prayer by A. Johnson. Committee on pastoral support reported as follows:

We believe it to be the duty of the members of the churches to contribute liberally of their means to the support of their pastors, so as to enable them to devote their time to the study and preaching of he Gospel, for the scriptures teach that they that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. Jesus said, "The workman is worthy of his hire." We believe the members of the churches should be taught to give of their means as the Lord has prospered them—not grudgingly nor of necessity—for the Lord loveth a cheerful giver. If we sow sparingly we shall reap also sparingly.

R. H. PIPES, Y. D. MOORE. Remarks by R. H. Pipes, J. J. Beach, A. Johnson, Cook, Thomas and others.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported as follows:

Associational Missions are supplying the destitute within the Association; state missions are supplying the destitute within the state; home missions are supplying the destitute within the United States and especially for us, the southern states and Cuba; foreign missions are sending the gospel to heathen and papal nations. We have missionaries in China, Rome, Japan, Mexico, Africa, South America and some of the islands of the sea. These are our representatives and God is blessing their labors. They realize the harvest is great and the laborers are few, and are calling on us to send them more laborers. Our Lord commands us to go into all the world and preach the gospel, and says, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you; and if ye love me, keep my commandments." Let us show our love and friendship for our Lord by obedience to all his commands and in particular in giving he Gospel to all the world.

I. W. THOMAS.

After remarks by I. W. Thomas and J. S. Gwaltney report was adopted. Adjourned until 9:30 a. m. Saturday. Benediction by J. B. Reid.

SATURDAY'S SESSION.

After devotional exercises, conducted by I. C. Miller, the body was called to order by E. D. Crisp, Moderator, pro tem. Minutes of Friday were read and approved. Roll of delegates were called and absentees marked. D. M. Setzer of the Holston, Tennessee, Association and J. A. Cook of the South Fork Association accepted seats in the boly.

Committee on education reported as follows:

Education is said to consist of three things: the training of the head, hand and heart.

No one with an untrained mind can hope to cope with the problems of life which he daily comes in contact with. You must educate the child in order to train it for the duties of life, otherwise they will be poorly done.

After the mind is trained the child has only taken the first step. Now you must train the hand in order to do the work conceived in the mind. But above all, the heart must be educated if the person is worth the work.

In the first place we have the intellect developed; the second is the knowing how, why, where and when; but the third is the work of the Christian teacher whose work is second only to the preaching of the gospel. We would urge our people to give attention to the two first, but especially would we urge on our Baptist people the importance of the third, that of training the heart; or, better, Christian education. An educated person is useful; an educated Christian is doubly useful. Not that education makes a Christian, but it makes Christians more useful. Our institutions are second to none. Wake Forest and Meredith Colleges are the pride of our people. Men and women from these institutions have the high distinction of thorough preparation wherever they go. Alongside with these colleges we have a class of preparatory schools of which we are justly proud. No one need go without an education who has energy. We urge our people to patronize our schools.

We hope our own Lenoir Academy will soon be opened up again.

Ministerial education is on the upward grade, we are glad to say. Yet there is room for more and greater inprovements along this line. While this is true, we are sure that our ministry stands on a par with any in the land. Brethren, let this be our watch word, "Educate the masses."

J. B. REID.

After remarks by J. B. Reid and D. S. Lee, report was adopted.

Annual report of Chairman of Board of Trustees of Lenoir Academy:

Since our last report our secretary treasurer, by decision of Board of Trustees, has put city water in the building, has kept in force \$2,000 insurance, made certain repairs, and has on hand about \$110 out of rents accruing from property. He

reports quite an amount of repairs necessary to the buildings at present which are required for preservation. Our secretary-treasurer is notified by the secretary of state that the institution must be used f r the purpose of its incorporation and make annual reports of same, or else the corporation must be dissolved according to law. We see no chance of operating a denominational school at this point in competition with our present Graded School. And in face of the fact that we must do so or dissolve said corporation your chairman at this session of the Association called a meeting of all trustees in attendance and they recommended that the Association authorize the proper officers of Lenoir Academy to transfer the real estate of said corporation to three or more trustees to be held by them for and subject to the order of this Association, to whom said property belongs, and that said trustees be authorized if thought advisable by the Associat on to, in their discretion, sell same at proper time and hold funds arising from sale of same, subject to the future order of the Asscciation.

I. W. THOMAS, Ch'mn.

Report was adopted and W. G. Whisnant, V. H. Beach and Joe Powell were appointed as trustees to receive title of Lenoir Academy.

Committee on Home Missions reported as follows:

Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8.) Here is authority for home missions—in all Judea. To southern Baptists this means preaching the Gospel in all the territory within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, including Cuba and Panama.

The Apostle Paul was greatly interested in home missions. He said, "Brethren, my hearts desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved." (Rom. 10:1.)

Within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention there is great destitution. Foreigners are coming to us in

great numbers. In the city of Saint Louis more than 175,000 foreigners reside; 75,000 persons of foreign birth live in Baltimore; 250,000 live in Louisana; while there are 700,000 in Texas. In eight Louisana counties there is not a single evangelical church. Last year our home board had approximately one hundred missionaries laboring among people of foreign speech in the south and Cuba and Panama. It is supporting, or helping to support, one thousand other workers. In a single year over 27,000 converts were baptized by the missionaries supported wholly or in part by the board.

The home board is helping to give the Gospel to the negroes, assisting in building churches where the people cannot build for themselves, working on the frontiers of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, giving the Gospel to Cuba and the canal zone—which is really foreign mission work—and aiding in the Christian education of our mountain people.

The signal blessings of God seem to be on every phase of our Home Mission work.

Brethren, we ought to do more for Home Missions.

J. G. Benfield.

After remarks by J. G. Benfield, J. J. Beach and I. W.

Thomas, report was adopted.

Committee on time, place and preacher for next Association reported as follows: Place: King's Creek Church, eleven miles north-east of Lenoir Time: Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1911. C. A. G. Thomas to preach introductory sermon, with I. C. Miller alternate.

J. R. Swanson was elected treasurer of Association and finance committee made the following report which was accept-

ed and money turned over to treasurer:

 Home Missions
 21.61

 Foreign Missions
 33.65

 Sunday Schools
 1.27

 Ministerial Relief
 3.15

 Colportage.
 6.05

 Minute Fund.
 36.30

 Total.
 \$212.47

Special order having arrived, W. R. Beach preached from John 20:21 a very interesting and helpful sermon. Adjourned to meet again at 2 p. m.

Met as per adjournment. Prayer, with J. A. Rector leading. R. H. Pipes and J. W. Whisnant were appointed to represent the Sunday School work in the Association. J. V. McCall was elected member of State Mission Board. J. G. Benfield, W. N. Cook, E. D. Crisp, J. S. Gwaltney and I. C. Miller were appointed to attend Baptist State Convention.

- I. W. Thomas appointed to Southern Baptist Convention with C. A. G. Thomas alternate.
- I. W. Thomas, treasurer of last year, made his report, which was received. (See report in minutes of 1909.)

Historian not ready to report and was allowed to insert same in minutes later.

The following executive committee was appointed for the ensuing year: J. V. McCall, Y. D. Moore, W. G. Whisnant, J. L. Beach and J. R. Swanson.

The following report from executive committee of last year was received and adopted:

Brethren:

While we have no great progress to report yet we are glad to report substantial progress all along the line.

Quite a number of our churches have had good revivals.

We believe our people are responding more liberally to all the objects of our convention than ever before.

Brother I. W. Thomas has been doing missionary work at Whitnel and Lenoir Cotton Mill under appointment and aid of the State Board. He reports thirty-one sermons preached, sixty visits, organized a church at Whitnel with a membership of eighteen. A lot has been bought and paid for, and a house of worship is being erected.

At Lenoir Cotton Mill he organized a church with sixteen members. A lot has been donated and preparations are being made to build a house.

Brother Thomas was also appointed as colporteur and his report is as follows:

Total \$34.89

Many of the churches and some individuals were slow in sending in their pledges—and all have not sent in yet—therefore, I was greatly delayed in ordering books. And after the order was made in March, it was June before some of the pastors received their books. This being a new enterprise with us as an association, and all things considered, the colportage work has been fairly successful.

I. W. THOMAS.

We believe this work should be continued.

JOE POWELL, Secy.

F. P. Moore, treasurer of Gospel Missions reported as follows:

To Caldwell County Association:

I have received \$182.86 for

Gospel Missions since last Association.

God has greatly blessed Brother and Sister Blalock's work during the past year. We now have fourteen missionaries identified with our plan of work, some of whom have not as yet entered their field of labor, but will in the near future. We now have missionaries in Mexico and Cuba, as well as in China. Brethren, pray earnestly for our missionaries that they may be much used of God in reaching the poor, benighted heathen, but don't forget to give liberally toward their support.

Read: The duty of Christians. (Matt. 28:18-20.)

The kind of missionaries Christians should send out. (Acts 11:22 and 13:1-4.)

To whom the Christian should contribute. (Phil. 4:15 and 2 Cor. 11:8-9.)

To whom should the missionaries report? (Phil. 4:10-18 and Acts 14:36 27.)

As 'o the guiding and locating missionaries on field. (Acts 10 and 16:6-15.)

Read Luke 24:46-48.

Brethren, do you love the coming of the Lord Jesus?
F. P. Moore.

It was agreed by the body to discontinue the Union Meetings and hold instead Pastor and Deacon's Conferences at various times and places. I. W. Thomas, E. D. Crisp and J. G. Benfield were appointed committee of arrangements for first meeting of this associational year.

Ordered that the Clerk be allowed \$8.00 out of minute fund for his services and the remainder be spent in printing and distributing minutes.

Committee on devotion reported: E. D. Crisp to preach Saturday night at 7:30. W. R. Beach Sunday at 11 a. m. Agreed to take collection at close of service for State Missions.

Committee on resolutions submitted the following:

Resolved first: That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the brethren and sisters of Granite Falls church and friends in this vicinity for their kind and most liberal hospitality during the session of this body.

Resolved second: That we ask the sisters of all the churches, that have not done so, to organize Missionary Societies for their own benefit and for the spread of the Gospel in the land.

W. H. H. HARTLEY, J. S. GWALTNEY, J. R. Barker.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees to write and submit reports at the next session:

State Missions—I. W. Thomas and W. T. Beach. Home Missions—V. H. Beach and H. C. Mackie, Foreigh Missions—C. A. G. Thomas and Y. D. Moore. Education—J. B. Reid and J. L. Beach. Pastoral Support—J. G. Benfield and W. M. Smith.

Temperance—E. D. Crisp and J. H. Johnson.

Sunday Schools-J. W. Whisnant and R. M. Smith.

Periodicals-W. N. Cook and Joe Powell.

Ministerial Relief-W. H. H. Hartley and A. E. Nelson.

There appearing no further business, Association adjourned to meet at time and place of next session. Benediction by I. W. Thomas.

J. R. SWANSON, Clerk.

Saturday night E. D. Crisp preached a very interesting sermon from Matthew 22:42.

Sunday 10 a. m. Sunday School mass meeting conducted by J. V. McCall, followed by address by J. H. Nanney, Superintendent of Nebo High School. 11 a. m., sermon by W. R. Beach. Text, Proverbs 22:1. After sermon a collection was taken for State Missions, amounting to \$6.75.

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Historian's report as follows:

Granite Falls church, with which the twenty sixth session of the Caldwell County Association was held, was organized the third Sunday in June, 1890, with fifteen members. Elders, I. Oxford, D. K. Bennett, C. M. Murchison, and Deacon, A. J. Cock. C. M. Murchison was chosen pastor and H. C. Mackie clerk. Since then the following in the order named have served as pastors and clerks: M. P. Matheney, W. R. Bradshaw, J. G. Pulliam, W. R. Beach, W. P. Southern and J. J. L. Sherwood as pastors and J. A. Turnmire, R. E. Heffner, J. I. McNairy, Daisy Mackie, W. A. Mackie and W. G. Whisnant as clerks. The church now numbers ninty-three and is in a flourishing condition, having just completed a commodious house of worship, and we feel sure it is destined to become one of the strong churches of our Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Thomasville Orphanage	\$ 67.64						
State missions	42.80						
Home Missions	21.61						
Foreign Missions	33.65						
Sunday Schools	1.27						
Ministerial Relief	3.15						
Colportage	6.05						
Minute Fund	36.30						
Total	\$212.47						
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S. H. Averett (Treas. Orph.)	\$ 67.64						
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I. W. Thomas, Colportage	6.05						
J. R. Swanson, Services as Clerk	8.00						
H. C. Martin, Printing Minutes	24.25						
Postage and balance on hand	4.05						
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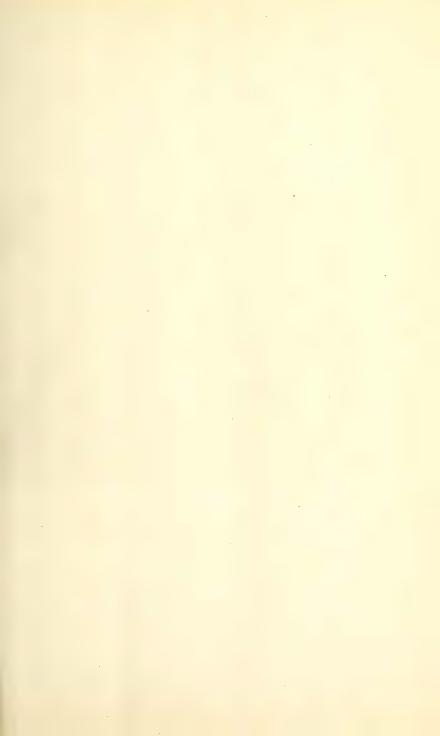
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PROCEEDINGS.

Owing to inclement weather, the Annual Sermon was dispensed with and the Association was called to order by J. V. McCall, Moderator of last Session, who read several Scriptures bearing on Christian fellowship. Prayer by J. B. Reid. R. G. Thompson and C. L. Sherrill were appointed reading clerks.

The following churches presented letters by the hand of their Messengers.

Antioch—C. H. Harris, J. E. Beach.

Blair's Fork-W. L. Holsclaw.

Bethany-T. C. Curtis, M. P. Suddeth.

Bethel-Robt. Whisnant, Azor McCall.

Buffalo Cove-R. H. Pipes.

Clark's Chapel—A. C. Clark.

Concord-N. F. Wilson, L. M. Travis.

Conways Chapel—R. W. Taylor, Stanly Taylor.

Dudley Shoals-John Wilkie, W. C. Sherrill, J. H. Jones.

Flemings Chapel—S. H. Mabe, J. W. Flemming.

Green Valley-J. A. Laxton, M. C. Estes.

Granite Falls-F. R. Tilley, Marvin Mackie.

Green Rock-L. L. Hawkins.

Globe-A. M. Mast.

Johns River-D. M. Estes, J. C. L. Hayes.

Kings Creek—W. H. Laxton, T. A. Andrews, Green White, B. O. Teague, Smith Furgeson.

Lower Creek—J. D. Steel, J. R. Swanson, Monroe Wilson, J. L. Laxton, W. H. Barlow.

Love Lady-H. H. Bumgarner.

Lenoir, 1st-Y. D. Moore, V. H. Beach, Fred Stimson.

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Mount Zion-G. J. Miller, J. C. Barber, M. L. Miller.

Mountain Grove—W. L. Evans.

Mulberry—W. O. Bryant, W. J. Bryant.

Nelson's Chapel—G. A. McCall.

Piney Grove-W. W. Turnmire, T. J. Pennell.

Poovey's Grove-L. D. Kellar, R. E. Kellar.

Pisgah—Noah Austin, Chas, Pope.

Rocky Springs-J. H. Davis.

Rhode Hiss-C. M. Ervin.

Sardis—Haywood Clarke, W. H. H. Hartley, H. E. Austin, M. I. Harris, W. A. Benfield.

Union-C. L. Sherrill, Levi Reid, J. L. McLeod.

Union Grove-Walter Smith, N. J. Clarke, S. A. Bean.

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The body was permanently organized by electing J. V. McCall, Moderator and J. R. Swanson, Clerk. Green White and Haywood Clarke acting as Tellers. Visiting Brethren accepted Seats as follows: S. J. Honeycutt and J. A. Hoyle, from the South Fork, Osborne McCall, from the Pilot Mountain, W. R. Beach, from the Raleigh, and the J. S. McLeod, from the Alexander, Associations.

The Moderator appointed Green White and H. M. Beach, Committee on Finance. J. H. Davis, M. I. Harris C. L. Sherrill, N. A. Laxton and W. R. Beach Sr. Committee of Time, Place and Preacher for next Association. Pastor and Delegates of Kings Creek church, Committee on Devotional Exercises.

The following were substituted for absentees on Standing Committees: J. O. Fullbright, for C. A. G. Thomas, on Foreign Missions; W. R. Beach for V. H. Beach, on Home Missions; S. J. Honeycutt for W. G. Whisnant, on Sunday Schools.

Committee of Arrangements. E. D. Crisp, J. A. Hoyle, J. R. J. Annas, W. R. Icard, I. W. Thomas, with Moderator and Clerk. On motion of I. W. Thomas, agree to meet at 9 a. m. spend 30 minutes in devotional exercises, begin business at 9:30, adjourn at 11:30, to hear sermon, meet at 2 p. m., adjourn at pleasure.

Adjourned, to meet at 9 a.m., Friday morning.

FRIDAY'S SESSION.

Met as per adjournment, devotional exercises, conducted by W. N. Cook. Minutes of yesterday, read and approved. Committee of Arrangements report and the report received and placed in the hands of the Moderator

for his guidance.

Answer to querry from Sardis Church.

Is it in keeping with the Baptist usages to receive Members from the Freewill Baptist Church by letter?

Our answer is. No.

At this point the following visiting Brethren accept Seats with us. W. R. Bradshaw, Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board. M. L. Kesler, General Manager of the Thomasville Orphanage. G. E. Lineberry, representing Merideth College.

Report on Orphanage was called for and not being present, M. L. Kesler was asked to address the body on the needs and work of the Orphanage, after which a collection was taken for same, amounting to \$5.78.

Report on Periodicals was submitted as follows, and after remarks by W. N. Cook, W. R. Beach, I. W. Thomas, I. C. Miller, Joe Powell and others, was adopted.

BIBLICAL RECORDER.

For more than seventy-six years the Biblical Recorder has been the Organ of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Through all these years with faithfulness, have the battles of our denominational life been faithfully fought. It is the medium of communication for all departments of our work. The information concerning our needs can be presented to us by our representatives in all our work. It also comes to our rescue when any department of our work is attacked or misrepresented. Our Pastors need it to keep in touch with our work, also the laymen to keep them informed in all phases of our denominational life. It also keeps us posted in the great doctrines of our denomination, and the reason why we stand for these principles. Let us rally to the support of our denominational Organ. Give it our heartiest endorsement, by our subscription if notalready a subscriber.

W. N. Cook.

Report on Ministerial Relief was submitted and addopted. Special order having arrived, J. A. Hoyle preached from Matthew 16-19 a very interesting sermon the body adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

The aged Ministers Relief Board was established in 1890, the

purpose of this Board is to help worthy and worn out Baptist Ministers, who have worn out their lives in going up and down through the land propounding the glad tidings of the gospel of our Lord and Savior Juses Christ. There are 31 beneficiaries at this time, this is a smaller number than last year owing to the death of six during last year. But there are several applications now before the board, showing that the number is increasing. These old Soldiers receive from \$40.00 to \$200.00 per year, some of them have no other means of support except the amount that they receive through the board. It should be the desire and effort of every Baptist in North Carolina, that not one of those who have been worthy proclaimers of God's truth should be suffering for the actual necesities of life, we therefore urge our Pastors to take at least one collection for this most worthy cause between now and Christmas and forward it to Walter Durham, Raleigh, N. C.

W. H. H. Hartley, Chmn. Com.

EVENING SESSION.

Met persuant to adjournment. Received Bethel Church by letter from the Catawba River Association and the delegates were duly enrolled. The Moderator appointed W. N. Cook and I. C. Miller, delegates to the State Convention, and J. O. Fulbright to Southern Baptist Convention with J. G. Benfield alternate. The body elected Y. D. Moore member of the State Mission Board. The Moderator appointed E. D. Crisp, T. C. Curtis, and J. L. Beach as a committee to nominate an Executive Committee.

At this point J. R. Swanson offered his resignation as Historian which was received, and H. M. Beach was elected to fill the vacancy.

Committee on Education Report and after remarks by G. E. Lineberry, S. J. Honeycut and W. R. Bradshaw, report was addopted as follows.

EDUCATION.

The ordinary conception of an Education, is the mastery of a well defined list of books, prescribed by schools and colleges, but in a higher sense education consists in the disciplining training and refining of both mind and character. In order to secure the best results we need well equipped schools manned by teachers of high type, teachers whose lives are shining examples of Godliness.

Baptist should never be satisfied short of the very best to be had. Your Committee is glad to say that the Baptist stand in the front ranks of the world's great educational movement, our interests reach out to help the struggling masses, yet our efforts are not what they might be, we point to our Baptist Schools and Colleges with a degree of pride and justly so, but our own doors are closed, while our boys and girls seek the boon of knowledge elsewhere, some are going away to our Associational Schools others are content for the state to supply the need, the state can never give us what we need and want. Our blood bought principles lie within our own gates, and shall we let them remain there and send our children fourth to be fostered by other institutions that are lacking in the priceless gems, Baptist Principles. Caldwell is situated in the midst of a great people. The breezy mountains upon one border, while the sultry plains stretch away on the other side. She holds out an inviting hand to the aspiring citizen of to-morrow.

Brethren: let us rise up in our might and establish a Baptist School in this princly domain into whose walls we can gather the boys and girls and feed both heart and mind.

God is graciously calling some of our young men into the minstry, will we suffer them to go away to State or other denominational schools to be trained? If so, their moral fibers will be so weakened that they can never do the best work. We urge that it is our duty to meet the educational need in our midst. We also urge our people to stand by our schools and colleges by their patronage and means. We recommend as preparatory schools of high standing, Chapel Hill and South Fork Institute. Our colleges, Wake Forest and Merideth are among the best in the land. We especially commend the effort of Merideth in raising \$150.000 endowment. May the rich blessings of Heaven rest upon them with all their faculties and students.

Respectfully submited,

J. B. Rem.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LENOIR ACADEMY.

Remarks by J. V. McCall, Joe Powell, J. A. Hoyle and others was adopted as follows:

As Chairman of Board of Trustees of Lenoir Academy, I herewith trasmit my final report, in accordance with the order of the Association at last session. The corporation has been disolved according to law and the deed made to Joseph Powell, V. H. Beach and W. G. Whisnant, Trustees, appointed at last session of your body. The property is now leased for a term of three years at \$20.00 per month. There is now in hands of J. V. McCall, Treas-

urer of the old Board of Trustees, \$175.00 which will be turned over to new trustees. Parts of roof of building is much in need of repairs. I suggest to this session of this Association the propriety of considering the importance of reopening Lenoir Academy in the near future and if it be found impracticable or inadvisable to reopen at Lenoir, we suggest the consideration of the propriety of selling the property at some future time and use the proceeds of such sale to establish a Baptist school somewhere in the bounds of the Caldwell Association.

I. W. Thomas,

Chairman Board of Trustees.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT.

I. C. Miller to preach to-night and J. S. Gwaltney to conduct Praise Service tomorrow morning at 9:00 A. M.. J. O. Fulbright to preach at 11:30 and W. R. Bradshaw to preach at Mount Zion church at 7:30 P. M. and W. R. Beach at church at same hour and W. R. Bradshaw to preach at 11:00 A. M. Sunday morning. Adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Benediction by I. C. Miller.

SATURDAY'S SESSION.

Met as per adjournment. Devotional exercises by J. S. Gwaltney. Minutes of yesterday read and approved and roll of delegates called and absentees marked. Committee on Temperance report. Remarks by E. D. Crisp, I. C.-Miller, J. G. Benfield and R. H. Pipes. Report adopted, also the following resolutions:

TEMPERANCE REPORT

The question of temperance is, or should be, of as much interest to us now as when the County was canvassed in the interest of prohibition. Strong drink is by no means shut out of our country yet. Old China with all her superstition has almost put an end to the opium habit and they are boasting that America, with less than 100,000,000, has failed to control them in the matter of temperance as well as she has her 400,000,000. Let us renew our efforts and put our best energies into action and as our temperance report for last year said keep the evils of intemperance constantly before the people and by enforcing the prohibition laws. And I can't refrain from crying out against the curses that come from the use of tobacco, it is sapping the life and vitality from the young people so much that they fall victims to desperate crimes; take for instance the case

of young Rosco Rivenbark, of Goldsboro, who shot his sweetheart to death and then acknowledged that cigarettes was responsible for the whole affair. And I must again call attention to the fact that the business world is being so aroused on the question of temperance, eight different states in the north-west have passed laws forbidding the manufacture and sale of cigarettes. Brethren let us not only be awake, but up and doing.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. JOHNSON.

• RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, under Federal regulations inter-state shipments of intoxicating liquors are delivered to the consignee before the State can have jurisdiction of the same, and

Whereas, by this arrangement the State is seriously hampered in carrying out its policies relative to the traffic of intoxicating liquors, and

Whereas, we believe the State should have full control under its police powers over all liquors within its borders, whether domestic or inter-state, therefore

Be it Resolved, That we hereby declare ourselves in favor of such action by the Congress of the United States, as will guarantee to the States the fullest jurisdiction over all intoxicants consigned to them from the time they enter the State, and to this end, we request the members of Congress, both in the Senate and House, from this State, to support such legislation as is contemplated by the Miller-Curtis Bill (H. R. 23641 and S. 7528) now pending in Congress.

Report on Pastoral Support submitted, after remarks by J. G. Benfield and C. M. Ervin, was addopted.

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

The first preachers that were set apart and sent out by our Lord were commanded to "preach," and to provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in their purses, nor scrip for their journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves, "for," said the Lord, "the workman is worthy of his meat." In 1 Cor. 9:13 the Apostle Paul says, "The Lord hath ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel," and again in 1 Tim. 5:17, "Let the elders that rule be counted worthy of double honors, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine," for the scripture saith, "Thou shall not muzzle the ox the treadeth out the corn," and, "The laborer is worthy of his reward."

First of all it is the business of the God called man, to preach. A preacher ought to be a specialist, a specialist deserves and gets a

support from his business.

We are glad to note that most of our preachers are giving more of their time to preaching and preparation, and that the churches are rallying to their support. We believe the day is not far distant when the churches of this Association will be giving their pastors a good support.

Let the churches support their pastors and demand of them their time. J. G. BENFIELD.

Committee on State Mission report and after discussion by W. R. Bradshaw, the time having arrived, J. O. Fulbright preached a very interesting sermon from Luke 6-12 and the body adjourned to meet at 2:00 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Met as per adjournment, report on State Mission was taken up and upon motion agree to take collection at close of sermon tomorrow for same. Report adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

The Baptists in North Carolina number about 225,900. marvelous growth is due largely to State Mission effort. Our policy has been, all these years, to send missionaries into the destitute places in the country and into the towns and villages, and God has signally blessed our efforts. Much has been done and much remains to be done. Manufacturing towns and villages are springing up all over our State, almost every year, and we must establish S. S. and churches in them, or they will become places of vice and wickedness. Twenty years ago we had very little destitution in Caldwell County, but during these years villages have grown up at Edgemont and Mortimer, Adako, Collettsville, Valmead, Whitnel, Hudson, Rhodhiss and Dudley Shoals, and what has taken place in our midst is only an illustration of what has occurred all over our State. Our Lord commanded his disciples, in their efforts to evangelize the world, to begin at Jerusalem—at home. So must we begin at home and widen out into all the world. Our State board of missions is aiding us at 3 points in our Association, Lenoir Second church, Whitnel and Rhodhiss. The board is giving us more money than we are raising for State Missions. The Baptist State Convention is trying to raise \$50,000 this year for State Missions. your committee, earnestly request each church in this Association, in addition to what you have already done, to take a collection for State Missions between this and the middle of November, and forward to our treasurer at Raleigh. W. T. BEACH.

I. W. THOMAS.

The following report on Orphanage which had been previsously discussed was adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Thomasville Orphanage is Twenty-six years old. More than twelve hundred children have been gathered within its sheltering arms. There has been as many as four hundred at one time, three hundred and eighty-five is the usual number. We have four hundred and fifty acres of land one hundred and twenty-five of it in cultivation. There are ten dormitories, central building, dining hall, central sewing room and central school building, where nine grades are taught.

The Sundry arrangements and means for caring for the sick are well up to modern requirements. There has been great improvements in the training of the girls. No girl is expected to leave the institution who is not able to make her own clothes and others also, learning to cook is a part of the cause. The boys are in the shoe shop, printing office, dairy, on the truck farm and all over the farm in general. All these go into the school system. A constant effort is made to surround the life of the place with an atmosphere of culture and refinement, no small part of which is the religious life. It costs about eighty-five dollars a year to support a child. The running expenses amount to one hundred dollars a day. We know of no better plan for raising money for the institution than taking a collection from each Sunday School once a month and arousing Thanksgiving offerings in every church on that day, and along with this a club of Charity and Children in every Sunday School.

H. M. BEACH Com.

Report on Home Missions was read and discussed jointly with State Missions by W. R. Beach, Y. D. Moore, J. O. Fulbright, I. W. Thomas, and adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

Our Lord's program for giving the gospel to the world is outlined in His word. Beginning at Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria and to the uttermost part of the earth. Home Missions give the gospel to destitution within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention and some adjacent territory. Foreigners are coming to our country at the rate of one million each year with their foreign ideas of religion and strange notions concerning government and social life. Shall we Christianize them or allow them to foreignize us? We are also under obligation to the Negro and the Indians because they are among us. We also have our mountain school as a means of

defense in holding the territory we already occupy.

W. R. BEACH.

Committe on Foreign Missions report as follows. Remarks by Y. D. Moore and J. O. Fulbright. Report adopted:

Brother Moderator:-

Your committee on Foreign Missions wish to make the following report.

Our duty along this line was made plain by our blessed Lord on many occasions, but especially at his parting, as is recorded in Acts 1:8-9. There we have his last words to man on earth—"Wait for power, then go forward to every country and city and village and hamlet and to the uttermost places of the earth spreading the news of salvation and persuading men to believe and live.

A few days after He left us we received the power and began to go forward; and for nearly 2000 years we have been rejoicing in this privilege.

But as in all our wars for temporal conquest, only a few can actually go to "the front"; so it is in this conquest of the world for Christ. The many must remain at home to provide for the strong and self-sacrificing spirits who have forsaken home and friends and all the enjoyments that a quiet home life brings to lay down their lives, if necessay, for the Master in foreign lands. As a part of the army left at home, we must provide for them and rejoice in the privilege. We must do even more. We must increase the number of actual soldiers and provide for them.

Who is it that loves Christ and has a knowledge of this, his last command to men, can fail to obey.

Respectfully submitted,

Y. D. MOORE, for the Com.

Committee on Sunday Schools not being present, J. G. Benfield was asked to prepare report and submit same tomorrow morning.

The names of Joe Powell, J. R. Swanson, W. T. Beach and Y. D. Moore were placed in nomination by the nominative committee and they were duly elected for the ensuing year.

J. R. Swanson, Treasurer of last year, made report (See Minutes 1910.) Report received.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher, report, Thursday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1912,

time. Rocky Springs church, Collettsville, 10 miles north-west of Lenoir, on C. & N. W. Railroad, place. W. N. Cook Preacher of Annual Sermon, E. D. Crisp, Alternate.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We are very glad to report that our Colporteur and Associational Missionary, Bro. I. W. Thomas, has had a very successful years work, having sold \$22.78 books and has in hand \$19.15 books. He has at Lenoir Second church and Whitnel added by letter and baptism 30, has flourishing Sunday School at both. The brethren at these churches are needing the means to ceil their churches for winter use. We heartily recommend them to the Association and ask that the churches assist them financially. We feel that there is a great future before these churches under the direction of Bro. Thomas.

EX. COMMITTEE.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to Kings Creek church and friends in this community for their kind and most liberal hospitality to us during the session of this body.

W. H. H. HARLEY, Chmn.

TRASURER OF GOSPEL MISSION REPORT.

I have received \$405.42 for Gospel Missions since our last Association. We are very much encouraged with the increased number of our Missionaries and the success that has attended their labors. Help us pray for one hundred more Missionaries, as "the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

F. P. MOORE, Treas.

J. R. Swanson is elected Treasurer of the Association and instructed to have 550 Minutes printed and distributed among the churches and retain \$10.00 of the fund for his services.

Committee on Finance Report. We your Committee of Finance report the following sent up by the delegates.

Minute Fund						_	\$38.48
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The Historian not being able to report at this time, was given more time and the Clerk instructed to insert same in Minutes.

The Moderator announced the following to write and submit reports at next session:

State Missions—E. D. Crisp, J. H. Johnson. Home Missions—J. S. Gwaltney, H. M. Beach. Foreign Missions—J. O. Fulbright, W. N. Cook. Education—J. G. Benfield, J. W. Whisnant. Orphanage—J. B. Reid, I. C. Miller. Pastoral Support—Y. D. Moore, J. L. Beach. Temperance—W. T. Beach, W. H. H. Hartley. Sunday Schools—Joe Powell, V. H. Beach. Periodicals—I. W. Thomas, Osborne McCall. Ministerial Relief—R. H. Pipes, Elisha Puette.

Thus ended one of the most pleasant as well as profitable Sessions of the Caldwell County Associations.

Adjournment to time and place of next meeting, J. R. Swanson, Clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING.

J. G. Benfield offered the following Sunday School report. Remarks by J. G. Benfield, W. R. Beach. J. B. Reid, J. R. J. Annas and —— Spann, report adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School work is being pressed now in our state as never before, and there is great need for it, when we think of the many thousands of our own members who do not attend Sunday School, to say nothing of the great mass of non-church members.

To have a Sunday School in every church, kept open twelve months in the year, enrolling every available member, is the aim.

We greatly need trained teachers in our Sunday School work, and express our pleasure in the vigorous campaign which our Sunday School Secretary is now conducting for the enrollment of at least one thousand persons in the study of the "Convention Normal Manual" Caldwell ought to furnish a hundred of these. Brethren let us do more for our Sunday Schools.

J. G. Benfield.

W. R. Bradshaw preached in the church to a large congregation, from Gen. 32-29, and J. B. Reid preached

in the Academy, also to a large assembly. Collection for State Missions \$12.09.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Sunday Schools	-	-	-	-	2.58
Ministerial Relief		-	-	-	6.39
Colportage -	-	-	-	-	.30
Minute fund -	-	-	-	-	38.48
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DISBURSEMENTS.

S. H. Averrett, (Treas. Orphanage)	-	\$62.69
Walter Durham (Treas. Bapts. St. Cn	n.)	86.61
I. W. Thomas (Colportage) -	-	30
J. R. Swanson (Services as Clerk)	-	10.00
H. C. Martin (Printing Minutes)	-	27.00
Postage and Bal. on hand -	-	3.54
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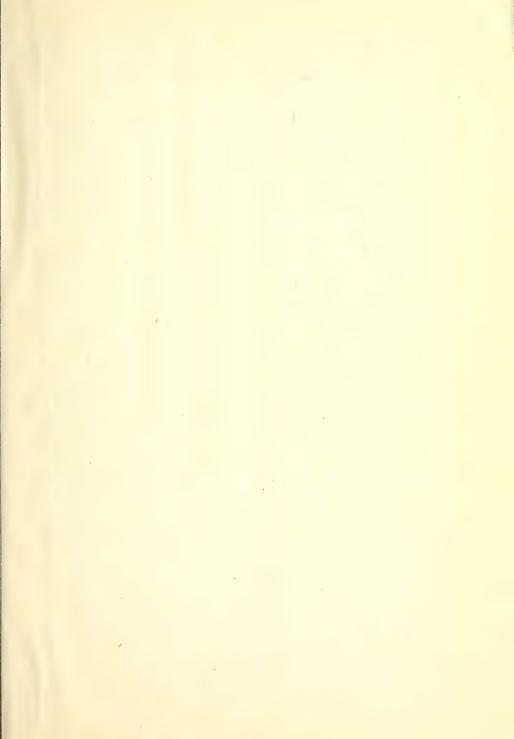
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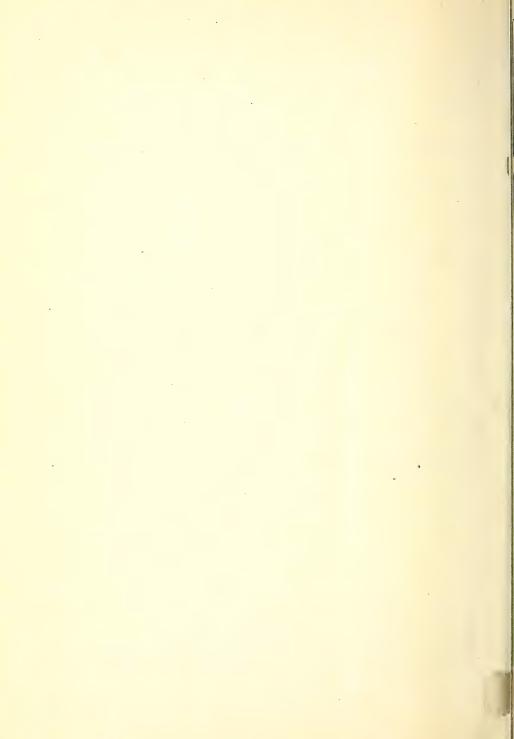
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KEYSTONE GRADED LESSONS

INTERNATIONAL COURSES

I. Beginners' Grade

(To be completed in two years)
By MARGARET COOTE BROWN

FOR TEACHERS

Beginners' Course. A teacher's illustrated text-book. Price, \$1.00 per year. Quarterly parts, 25 cents each.

Beginners' Pictures. Price, \$2.50 per set for one year. 65 cents per set for

one quarter.

FOR PUPILS

Beginners' Stories. An illustrated paper for each Sunday. Single subscriptions, 35 cents for one year. In quantities of five or more to one address, 7½ cents each per quarter; 30 cents each for one year.

II. Primary Grade

(To be completed in three years)

ANTOINETTE ABERNETHY LAMOREAUX

FOR TEACHERS

Primary Course. A teacher's textbook. Price, \$1.00 per year. Quarterly parts, 25 cents each.

Primary Pictures. Price, \$2.50 per set for one year. 65 cents per set for one

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PROCEEDINGS

In the absence of any Moderator the Association was called to order by J. R. Swanson, clerk of the Association. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. O. Fulbright, after which Y. D. Moore was made Temporary Chairman; when 28 churches presented letters by the hand of their Messengers; when upon motion of I. W. Thomas the reading of the Letters were dispensed with and a committee on the digest of Church Letters was appointed to-wit: J. T. Hayes, H. M. Beach, M. N. Harshaw.

Then the Body goes into the election of Moderator and Clerk, when a permanent Organization was affected by electing I. W. Thomas, Moderator, and J. R. Swanson, clerk. G. E. Lineberry and A. Johnson acting as Tellers. At this point an opportunity was given to newly constituted churches for membership, when Harris Chapel made application and was received into this Body, and the following visiting Brethren accepted seats with us: A. Johnson, Editor of Charity and Children: G. E. Lineberry in the interest of our Denominational Schools. J. M. Arnette, representing the Minister's Relief Board. W. R. Beach, representing the Biblical Recorder. J. M. Shaver, from the Alexander; J. J. L. Sherwood, from the Three Forks; C. S. Cashwell, from the South Yadkin; W. N. Cook and G. E. Ivery, from the South Fork Associations.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees: J. L. Beach, E. D. Crisp, W. H. H. Hartley with Moderator and Clerk Committee on Arrangements. Y. D. Moore, J. A. Raby, Committee on Finance. J. O. Fulbright, W. H. H. Hartley, Grey Whisnant, Arthur McCrary, W. D. Goble, Committee on Time, Place and Preacher. J. H. Johnson, M. N. Harshaw, with the delegates of Rocky Springs Church, Committee on Devotion. J. R. J. Annas and W. H. H. Hartley Committee on Resolutions. Committee to nominate Executive Committee for

the Association, J. O. Fulbright. J. A. Raby and J. H. Johnson. Report on Education was read, and upon motion to adopt, remarks were made by G. E. Lineberry. Report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We believe in education—the training of the head, hand and heart. In all schools this perfect work is not done. More than seventy-five years ago North Carolina Baptists saw and felt the need of a Denominational School and founded Wake Forest College. The influence this school has had on our denominational life and the evangelization of the world, eternity alone can tell. As the years have come and gone, more and more have our people come to realize the importance of Christian education. This subject has grown on our people till we now have two colleges of high standing—Wake Forest and Meredith—and a score or more first-class preparatery schools. But in our own Association we have no school. It gives your committee genuine pleasure to report that there is a growing sentiment in favor of re-opening The Lenoir Academy.

We recommend that an earnest effort be made to open a school in or near Lenoir as early as practicable. Also that an agent be apppointed by this body and empowered with authority to sell the school property belonging to this association and purchase a more suitable location in or near Lenoir, if, in the judgment of your Executive Committee, such a thing be wise and proper.

J. G. Benfield.

On motion, Association agrees to meet to-morrow morning at 9 a.m., and spend thirty minutes in devotion, begin business at 9.30. Adjourned benediction J. R. J. Annas.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by C. S. Cashwell. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Upon motion, a Committee was appointed to investigate charges of irregularities in Rhodhiss Church, consisting of J. L. Beach, E. D. Crisp, J. O. Fullbright and report to the

Body at this Session.

Committee of Arrangements report which was received and placed in the hands of Moderator for his guidance. Report on Ministerial Relief was submitted and after remarks by J. M. Arnette, report was adopted.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The object of this Board is to afford aid and relief to the needy Baptist Ministers of North Carolina and their widows. There are at present thirty-five beneficiaries. There are several applications before the Board, showing that the gradual increase of the number of beneficiaries will continue. The beneficiaries receive from forty to \$200 a year each. Many of them need more. Some of them have no means of support except the amount they receive from the Board. It should be the desire and effort of every Baptist in the State that not one of those who have been worthy proclaimers of God's truth should suffer for the actual necessities of life. There is increasing liberality on the part of the churches toward the work of this Board. But still nearly three-fifths of the churches of the State give absolutely nothing to this object; more than one fourth of the Associations of the State give nothing to this work, while a number of those contributing give almost nothing. Four of the Associations not contributing to the work have beneficiaries on the Board, We therefore urge all of our Pastors to take at least one collection for this most worthy object, and forward it to the treasurer of the Convention.

R. H. Pipes, Chairman of Com. E. Puett

Also resolution was adopted that each Church of this Association take a collection for that object as a Christmas offering.

Report on Orphanage was read and after remarks by A. Johnson; report adopted, and cash collection was taken for the same amounting to \$8.00.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Four hundred childred are under the care of the

Orphanage at the present time. The cost of supporting a child is about \$100 a year. This means that \$40,000 must come into the Treasury during the year in order to meet the current expenses of the Institution. A valuable property has come to the Orphanage within the year. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kennedy, of Lenoir County, have made a deed of their farm to the Institution, consisting of 1,200 acres of fertile land. This generous gift will make it necessary to raise some \$30,000 for building and equipment so that we may take possession of the property. With the houses built we can open the doors to one hundred children, now on the outside, and who sadly need the care and protection of the Orphanage. This money will not come from the Churches but from individuals; but the burden of support will fall on the Sunday Schools and Churches and this burden will grow heavier year by year. We urge our Churches to take up a liberal Thanksgiving offering, and each Sunday School in the Association to adopt the plan pursued by hundreds of the Schools of our State of giving a monthly collection to the Orphan-

CHARITY AND CHILDREN tells the story of the Orphanage week by week. All the profits from the paper go directly into the Orphanage treasury.

E. D. Crisp.

At this point C. S. Cashwell made a plea for aid in behalf of Granite Falls Church in liquidation of the present indebtedness on Church property. When the various churches and individuals gave pledges amounting to \$41.87. Special Order having arrived, J. M. Arnette preached from Acts 1-8. Adjournment to 1 o'clock. Benediction by W. N. Cook.

EVENING SESSION

Met as per adjournment. Prayer by J. M. Shaver. At this point Green Valley presents a letter which was read and contents noted. Committee on Digest of Church Letters submit the following report, and after remarks by M. N. Harshaw and I. W. Thomas report was adopted.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

Report of Committee. We, your Committee, find

Letters from thirty-two churches, including Harris Chapel. We find no Letters from five Churches, to-wit: Dudley Shoals, Green Valley, Mountain Grove, Mulberry and Yadkin. The Letters in hand show 285 Baptisms for last year, an increase of fifty-three over the previous year. These Letters also show an increase of 154 in Membership over the previous year. Contributions for Benevolent objects, as follows: State Missions \$193.24. an increase of \$118.03, Home Missions \$63.39, an increase of \$18.58. Foreign Missions \$116.00, an increase of \$5.09. Orphanage \$173.28, an increase of \$51.58. Ministerial Education \$17.77, an increase of \$2.70. Minister's Relief \$12.74, a decrease of \$3.68. A total increase to the above named objects over last year of \$192.30. We also find that these Churches contributed to Gospel Missions during last year \$125.68, a decrease of \$228.85. From the best information we have, the Association now has 3586 members. We are sorry to say a few of the Churches have contributed nothing to any cause.

J. T. HAYES H. M. BEACH M. N. HARSHAW

Report on Biblical Recorder was submitted and after remarks by W. R. Beach and I. W. Thomas, report was adopted.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

For more than seventy-seven years the Biblical Recorder has answered every call of the Baptist Denomination in North Carolina. It is estimated that there are seventy-five thousand Baptist homes in North Carolina, and as great as its power for good is at present it can never do its best work for the Kingdom until it can carry its blessings to a greater number of people. Your Committee would urge the pastors and present readers to make an effort to double our present list of subscribers during this year. It is the safeguard of our principles which have been purchased at the price of the blood of our forefathers and held sacred by every loyal Baptist. It makes appeals for every claim of Christianity and teaches the people in a masterful way the great doctrines and principles of the New Testament. Let us urge its merit

of patronage before the people because we are morally obliged to render this help.

Let us make haste to do it.

I. W. THOMAS ! Com.

S. B. McCall !

Report on Temperance was read and upon motion thirty minutes be given to the discourse of said report, and after remarks by J. J. L. Sherwood, Y. D. Moore, R. H. Pipes, S. B. McCall and J. J. Beach. Report was adopted.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

Throughout the Southern States determined opposition to the liquor traffic has resulted in the enactment of laws by which five entire States and approximately ninety per cent. of the territory of the remaining States of our Southland now forbid the sale of intoxicating liquors. Under the present Federal laws the States are powerless to prevent the importation of intoxicating liquors from other States, even when consigned to notorious violators of law, and for the avowed purpose of sale, contrary to the laws of the State. Under our system of government a citizen of one State should not be given privileges and opportunities under the protection of interstate commerce, which the people have wisely denied to their own citizenship within the State. That it is unjust to States having prohibited the liquor traffic in whole, or in part, for the Federal Government to permit people in other States to ship these States alcoholic liquors intended to be used in violation of their laws. And now let us call upon Congress to pass promptly the Kenyan-Sheppard-Webb-McCumber Bill which will permit the States to enforce their own laws by preventing the introduction of liquors from other States into their territory for unlawful purposes. The fact that outside and irresponsible citizens of other States, should under the guise and protection of interstate commerce, have the power to furnish the boot-legger and the blind tiger with their supplies of liquor by means of which they carry on their unlawful traffic. We therefore urge Senators and Representatives in Congress to support both with their influence and votes the pending bill above named, and vigorously to oppose the efforts of the liquor interest of the country to delay and defeat them at all times. And there is one

other evil that I can't overlook, and that is the excessive use of tobacco that is sapping the lives of our young people so much that they fall victims to crimes, especially the cigarette fiend. So great is the effect upon the mind that no less than eight States in the north-west have passed laws forbidding the manufacture and sale of cigarettes. Brethren let us be up and doing.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. H. HARTLEY.

S. J. Huneycutt and J. J. Beach accept seats in the Body. Adjourned to meet to-night at 7 p. m. Benediction by W. N. Cook.

NIGHT SESSION

Met as per adjournment. The Annual Sermon by W. N. Cook, from Jonah 1.6, after which the Body was seated for the transaction of business. The Executive Committee make the following report. Remarks by E. D. Crisp, S. B. McCall, I. W. Thomas and M. N. Harshaw. Report adopted:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, the Evecutive Com. for the Caldwell County Baptist Association, beg leave to make the following report: Early in this Associational year we received the resignation of I. W. Thomas, as Colporter for this Association, and elected J. B. Reid as his successor, who accepted the work, and did valient service until his death, which occured July 23, 1912, after which we elected S. B. McCall as his successor, but who has not as yet accepted. Since Brother Reid's death there has been no opportunity to investigate his accounts, but his wife has written the Executive Committee that the accounts are all straight, making it easy to make the transfer to Brother Reid's Successor.

We recommend that this work be continued, and that a fund be raised by the churches of this Association and set aside as a Bible Fund, so as to enable the Colporter to carry a line of Bibles, and authorize him to give to those who are not able to buy.

We also recommend that the power be vested in the Trustees of Lenoir Academy jointly with the Executive

Committee of this Association to sell, exchange or dispose of said property in any way that they, in their wisdom, would deem beneficial to all concerned.

Y. D. MOORE, For Com.

Then upon motion this Association appropriate \$50.00 out of the fund now in the hands of the trustees of Lenoir Academy to the aid of M. I. Harris, who is now a ministerial student at South Fork Institute from Sardis Church. Motion carried.

Upon motion of Y. D. Moore, the Trustees of Lenoir Academy are authorized to loan the money in their hands acruing from rents at legal interest, if in their discretion they think best. Motion carried.

Treasurers report of last year was read and adopted.

(See minutes of last year.)

Also J. R. Swanson was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Devotional Committee report S. J. Huneycutt to conduct devotional exercises to-morrow morning, and J. J. Beach to preach at 11 o'clock a. m. Adjourned until 9.30 to-morrow morning. Benediction by J. J. Beach.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Met at 9.30; Devotional Exercises conducted by S. J. Huneycutt; Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved; roll of Delegates were called, and absentees marked. Amendment on report on Education was made, endorsing South Fork Institute as worthy of our denominational support.

Committee to investigate report on Irregularities re-

port.

We. your Committee, have investigated, and according to evidence, have found that there have been some irregularities, but we asked the paster of Rhodhiss Church to call the Church together and correct such errors, which he has agreed to do, therefore we, your Committee, decline bringing the matter before this body.

E. D. CRISP J. L. BEACH J. O. FULBRIGHT Committees of State, Home and Foreign Missions submit their reports which were discussed jointly by W. R. Beach, J. M. Shaver, J. O. Fulbright and J. J. L. Sherwood. Report adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

This article by Livingston Johnson was adopted by the Committee as their report, and was submitted.

The Work of Last Year.—There were 152 missionaries, who preached at 351 points. They reported 1,921 baptisms and 1,427 received by letter, making total additions 3,348. Ten churches were organized, fifty church buildings were in course of construction and fourteen completed. These churches contributed as follows: To pastor's salary \$25,432.05, church building \$32,510.51, objects of the Convention \$11,021.96, other objects \$5,011.42, grand total \$73,975.74. The Mission Churches put back into the Denominational Treasury last year \$27,444.93 mere than we put into State Missions.

This Year's Work.—We are operating on a basis of \$50,000. This does not include \$2,500 for Sunday School work. We have this year 153 Missionaries. Several of the mission points that were aided last year came off

the Board and we have opened up new fields.

Church Building Fund.—Three years ago \$5,000 of the amount contributed by the Woman's Missionary Societies was set aside as a church building fund, and each year since this amount has been appropriated to church building. During this time fifteen or twenty churches have been aided, and at least \$40,000 added to the value of our denominational wealth in church property. The money spent in church building is one of the wisest investments the Board has ever made. A much larger sum could profitably be used in this way, if it were placed at the disposal of the Board.

The Work of Development.—Our Board has made a proposition to the Home Mission Board looking to a joint work to be conducted by the two Boards for the development of our churches along the line of development. Two or three district missionaries are to be employed to aid the pastors in associational campaigns, by holding institutes and mission rallies at churches. The Home Board has agreed to enter into this co-operative work on

a small scale, as an experiment.

Country Fields.—The formation of our country churches into compact fields would be a distinct advantage; indeed this is one of our greatest needs. We believe the Mission Board could aid in this direction, by making an appropriation to a field on condition that the churches would co-operate in an effort to secure the services of an agressive pastor and have him locate in their midst.

The rapid material development of our State makes it the more imperative that we prosecute State Missions with renewed vigor, as our religious progress depends largely upon the successful prosecution of our State Mission work.

Your Committee would urge that the pastors of the various churches in our Association strive to impress the above facts and figures upon their members as a stimulant to still better efforts in the future.

E. D. CRISP J. H. JOHNSON Com.

HOME MISSIONS.

The apportionment of the Home Mission Board authorized by the Southern Baptist Cenvention for the fiscal year which has just closed was \$400,000. The Board received for its work \$366,050.

The number of workers of the Board this year has been 1,309. They have preached the gospel in 2,368 communities. Of these workers 269 are employed by the Board independent of other agencies, and 1,140 are employed in co-operation with these agencies. These agencies are in almost every case State Mission Boards. These workers have baptized 26,899 people, and added 47,728 members to our churches; organized 201 churches, or more than one for every two days, and built or repaired 234 houses of worship.

Twenty-nine mountain schools have been conducted and in them 4,636 students and 142 teachers. Seventy-five of these students are young preachers, and during the year 267 converts were baptized among the students.

There are thirty-seven negro missionaries that have been employed in co-operation with the National Baptist Convention of the negroes. These report 433 Bible conferences and 2,461 baptisms.

The Evangelization Department of the Board has

attained larger results this year than ever before.

A number of successful city campaigns have been conducted, and 3,739 converts have been baptized, and 683 volunteers for the Ministry and Mission work have been secured as one of the results. This work has been done in the small towns and country places as well as in the cities.

H. M. BEACH.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In God's plan for the redemption of lost man, He made provision for the salvation of the whole world. "For God so loved the world, that, he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." Jesus in speaking of the purpose of his own coming into the world, says, "I came not to destroy the world, but to save the world." And again, in speaking of the mission of the Holy Spirit, he says, "When he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." Thus we see, the Triune God is intensely interested in the saying of the whole world, and not merely a small portion of it. The basis or foundation of this effort on the part of God to reach man, is love, and from this, and this alone, can the church of Jesus Christ meet the world's great needs. Here let us pause long enough to ask, is the whole church in sympathy, with, and is she doing her full duty toward bringing a lost world to Jesus Christ? We note that we gave last year on an average of 13 cents per member for Foreign Missions. Fourteen years ago when this Body convened with this Church, at that time the Association gave at the rate of about 6 cents per member. showing an increase of 7 cents per member since that time, which is about one-half a penny's increase each vear per member. This is some progress, but is it enough? Have we not made greater progress in other things? Why not in the King's business?

OUR NEED—The Church, the individual christian

needs a threefold vision.

First. We need a clearer, a brighter vision of God. Second. We need a vision of our own individual selves.

AND LASTLY We need a vision of the world and its

great needs. With such a vision we will be the better able to bring the world to Jesus Christ.

J. O. FULBRIGHT, Com.

The Nominative Committee report the following Brethren as Executive Committee: Joe Powell, J. L. Beach, Y. D. Moore, F. P. Moore, F. R. Tilley. At this point two additional Brethren were suggested, R. H. Pipes and S. T. Harris, whereupon this was made the appointment of the Body.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher report. Time, Thursday 2:30 p. m., before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1913. Place, Lenoir First Baptist Church; G. C. Ivery to preach Introductory Sermon, with J. G. Benfield, alternate. Special order having arrived J. J. Beach preached from Rev. 22:20, a very touching sermon. Adjourned to 2 p. m. Benediction by Moderator.

EVENING SESSION

Met as per adjournment. Prayer by Y. D. Moore. Committee on Pastoral Support submit the following report, and after remarks by Y. D. Moore, J. L. Beach, W. R. Beach and others. Report adopted.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

Your Committee on Pastoral Support wish to sub-

mit the following:

We believe that the churches should give such liberal support to their pastors as to enable them to devote their entire time to the service. We believe we find in First Cor. 9:13; First Tim. 5:17, and in the first appointing of preachers by our Lord every assurance that this was Christ's plan. We further believe that this is not so much a matter of giving, as of meeting our obligations as individual members to the churches. We wish to emphasize this special obligation of each member to his or her church, and when a member fails to contribute freely to the support of the ministry, to regard the failure as evidence of extreme poverty.

As we reported last year, we are glad to note that our preachers are being enabled more and more to better preparation and to better service both as preachers and pastors.

Every church or group of churches should pay a preacher for all his time, and rejoice in his services.

Y. D. MOORE J. Com. J. L. BEACH

Sunday School report called for, and not being present, the following statistics by E. L. Middleton was adopted in lieu thereof, and the discussion postponed until to-morrow morning in Sunday School mass-meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday school work of the State is hopeful. There seems to be a steady healthful growth. Since 1905 we have grown from 1,290 schools to 1,858 in 1911—a gain of 568 or 44 per cent. in six years.

Since March, 1912, about seventy new schools have been organized. It is probable a few of the old ones have

been discontinued.

During the same six years the membership has grown from 104,534 to 174,384, a gain of 69,750 or 67

per cent.

There now seems to be about 125 churches without schools. It seems it is practically impossible to secure schools in some of these, though some are suffering from lack of leadership, and the indifference of the church members.

The Normal Training is exceedingly hopeful. Nearly 2,000 were enrolled in North Carolina during the last Southern Baptist Convention year. Our people had only 686 diplomas May 1, 1911, but May 1, 1912, they hold 1,483 diplomas—a gain of 787, or 116 per cent. in one year. This work will be pressed all the time. Each Association ought to emphasize the work during the Sunday school discussion.

Another matter of vital importance is Associational organization. A plan for this has been carefully worked out and tracts on the work will be furnished to all who wish it. These organizations will largely increase the

efficiency of the work.

For several years the Sunday School Mission fund has been growing, but we are undertaking larger things at increased expense and need collections in more of our churches. As a summary we name the following needs:

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(1) All Sunday schools open all the year. (2) Two hundred more Sunday schools. (3) One hundred thousand more church members attending Sunday-school. (4) Sixty thousand church members in Home Departments. (5) One hundred thousand more of the non-church members in Sunday school. (6) Fifty thousand babies on cradle rolls. (7) Five thousand new members of Normal Classes. (8) Two thousand more diplomas by May 1, 1913. (9) The active co-operation of all pastors in Teacher Training. (10) A Sunday-school Convention in every Association. (11) Institutes in reach of all teachers. (12) Three thousand dollars for Sunday school Missions to help to do these things.

Historian not being able to report he was, by order of the Association, given more time and the clerk author-

ized to insert same in minutes later.

McCall

Oct. 4, 1911 By amount received from J. V.

TRUSTEES REPORT OF LENOIR ACADEMY

Rents received	138.67
	315.84
Dec. 2, To amt. paid material for	
repairing building \$20.06	
Dec. 2, Paid work	4
Apr. 21, Insurance to Apr. 21, 1913 15.00	47.13
Sept. 26, By balance in bank	\$268.71
Respectfully submitted,	
V. H. Beah,	
Treasurer for Commit	tee.
Finance Committee report as follows:	
Received for State Missions	\$23.95
for Home Missions	29.36
for Foreign Missions	26.92
for Orphanage	44.76
for Ministerial Education	2.35
for Ministerial Relief	2.17
for Minutes and Clerk	35.17
for Colportage	3.18
for S. S. Missions	3.49
	\$171.35

Report received and the amount turned over to Treasurer. And by order of the Body the Clerk was authorized to transfer \$3.49 designated for Associational Missions to State Missions. The following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we request all Church and Sunday School Treasurers to forward all contributions and collections direct to the Treasurer of our Convention, Walters Durham, Raleigh, N. C., and all funds for Orphanage to S. H. Averett, Thomasville, N. C., and that no funds whatsoever, except Minute Fund be sent up to the Association.

S. B. McCall.

Also resolution of thanks

Resolved, That our thanks are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Brethren and Sisters of Rocky Springs Church for their kindness and hospitality during our stay among them.

J. R. J. Annas W. H. H. Hartley

Report of Gospel Missions read and received.

GOLPEL MISSION REPORT

I have received \$171,00 for Gospel Missions since our last Association. Brethren, let us not forget that the responsibility still rests upon us to pray for more God sent laborers to enter His harvest. Remember too, that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

F. P. MOORE, Treas.

It is ordered that the Clerk have \$10.00 for his services, and the remainder be spent in printing and distributing minutes among the churches.

On motion the Chair was authorized to appoint one member of the Committee on program of our next Sunday School Convention instead of J. B. Ried, deceased; when J. R. Swanson was appointed to the vacancy.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Foreign Missions—Y. D. Moore and R. H. Pipes.

Home Missions—J. G. Benfield and J. L. Beach.

State Missions—J. O. Fulbright and Joe Powell.

Sundaay Schools—J. H. Johnson and W. T. Beach.

Orphanage—J. W. Whisnant and S. B. McCall.

Ministerial Relief—W. H. H. Hartley and C. M. Ervin.

Pastorial Support—A. E. Nelson and W. F. F. Palmer.

Education—J. R. Swanson and M. G. Cloer.

Temperance—E. D. Crisp and M. N. Harshaw.

Periodicals—H. M. Beach and J. A. Raby.

Devotion: J. J. L. Sherwood to preach to-night, and W. R. Beach to-morrow at 11 a. m.

On motion a collection was ordered taken to-morrow for Sister J. B. Reid.

Y. D. Moore was re-elected member of State Mission Board. J. O. Fulbright, member of Foreigh Mission Board, and J. G. Benfield Home Mission Board. Y. D. Moore, I. W. Thomas and S. B. McCall delegates to Baptist State Convention. J. O. Fulbright, delegate to Southern Baptist Convention. J. W. Whisnant alternate.

Minutes of to-day were read and approved. Adjourned to time and place of next meeting. Benediction by W. R. Beach.

Thus ended a very pleasant and harmonious session of the Caldwell County Association.

I. W. Thomas, Moderator.

J. R. SWANSON, Clerk.

Sunday morning a large crowd gathered in Sunday School Mass Meeting, after which the church at this place was dedicated; W. R. Beach preached the dedicatory sermon; J. M. Shaver offered the prayer, and a cash collection was taken for Sister J. B. Reid amounting to \$18.41.

CLERK.

TREASURERS' REPORT

RECEIPTS

By balance in hand	\$.15
For State Missions	23.95
Home Missions	29.36
Foreign Missions	26.92
Orphanage	44.76
Ministerial Education	2.35
Ministerial Relief	2.17
Minutes and Clerk	35.17
Colportage	3.18
S. S. Missions	3.49
	\$171.50
DISBURSEMENTS	
S. H. Averritt, Treas. Orphanage	\$ 44.76
Walters Durham, Treas. Baptist St. Con.	88.24
J. R. Swanson, services as Clerk	10.00
Express	.90
F. F. Smith, printing Minutes	23.50
	3.18
Colportage Postage	.92

\$171.50

List of Ordained and Licensed Preachers and Officers of Caldwell County Baptist Association

L. M. Annas		-		-		-		Saw Mills, N. C.
J. H. Nelson	-		-		-		-	Patterson, N. C.
M. L. Spencer		-		-		-		Hickory, N. C.
E. D. Crisp -			-		-		- R.	4, Lenoir, N. C.
C. E. Beaver		-		-		-		Maiden, N. C.
D. M. Wheeler			-		-			Bamboo, N. C.
D. S. Lee		-		-			-	Finley, N. C.
I. C. Miller			- '		-		- St	tony Fork, N. C.
T. S. Robbins		-		-			Buf	falo Cove, N. C.
S. B. McCall			-		-		- C	ollettsville, N. C.
J. A. Hoyle		-		-		-		Maiden, N. C.

J. M. Shaver Taylorsville, N. C.
M. L. Clark - Morganton, N. C.
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L. C. King Lenoir, N. C.
J. J. L. Sherwood Yerger, N. C.
C. S. Cashwell - Statesville, N. C.
J. M. Harriss - Route 1, Morganton, N. C.
D. L. Miller - Saw Mills, N. C.
E. M. Gragg Vilas, N. C.
J. G. Benfield Lenoir, N. C.
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S. A. Stroup - Granite Falls, N. C.
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F. R. Tilley - Granite Falls, N. C.
R. H. Pipes Buffalo Cove, N. C.
S. T. Harris - Morganton, N. C.
OFFICERS
I. W. Thomas, Moderator - Lenoir, N. C.
J. R. Swanson, Clerk and Treas " "

CHURCHES

DELEGATES

ANTIOCH—T. G. Whisnant, Joe Whisnant, Curtis Brown BUFFALO COVE—R. H. Pipes, A. M. Church.

BETHANY-T. C. Curtis.

BETHEL—A. B. McCall, C. J. Beach.

BLAIR'S FORK—Elbert Green.

CONCORD—N. F. Wilson.

CONWAY'S CHAPEL—J. M. Courtney, R. S. Taylor.

CLARK'S CHAPEL—A. C. Clark.

DUDLEY SHOALS—W. D. Wilkie, J. B. Sigmon.

FLEMING'S CHAPEL—W. S. McCall, S. H. Mabe, J. R. McCall.

GLOBE—A. M. Mast.

GRANITE FALLS—F. R. Tille, J. A. Turnmire.

GREEN VALLEY—J. B. Hayes, J. S. Franklin.

GREEN ROCK—L. L. Hawkins, Francis Hawkins.

HARRIS CHAPEL—Noah Austin, A. P. Harris, G. E. Smith.

JOHNS RIVER-J. C. L. Hayes, D. M. Estes.

KINGS CREEK—J. L. Beach, C. W. Pennell, J. A. Raby, LOWER CREEK—J. R. Swanson, R. L. Austin, W. H. Barlow.

LENOIR, 1st-M. N. Harshaw, Y. D. Moore.

LENOIR. 2ND—J. I. Shell.

LOVELADY—L. B. Flowers, Monroe Fincannon.

MT. ZION—G. J. Miller, J. C. Barker, M. T. Miller, C. H. Pope.

NELSON'S CHAPEL—E. L. Curtis.

POOVEYS GROVE—W. P. Kellar, L. D. Kellar.

PISGAH—Noah Austin.

PINEY GROVE—W. D. Goble, C. W. Sullivan, R. L. Atkins.

RHODHISS—S. A. Stroup, C. M. Ervin.

ROCKY SPRINGS—Claud Webb, M. C. Setzer, J. T. Haves.

SARDIS—J. R. Barber, Wm. Crouch, Ransom Barber W. H. H. Hartley.

UNION—Auther McCrary.

UNION GROVE—J. A. Smith, W. A. Bean, Robey Conway WHITNEL—J. H. Johnson, M. G. Cloer, J. K. Barber.

WINKLERS GROVE—W. H. Winkler, W. A. Lowman.

WILSONS CREEK-J. V. Bean. H. B. Knight.

YADKIN—A. E. Nelson.

Mountain Grove and Muberry not represented.

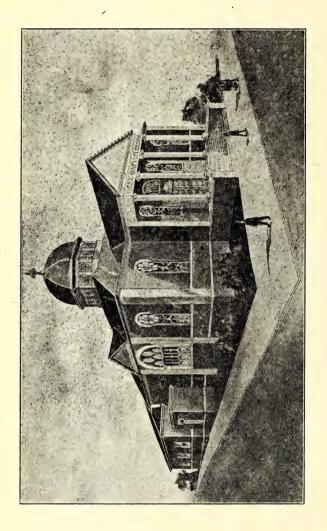
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LENOIR FIRST CHURCH, Lenoir, N. C.

Where next Session will be held on Thursday before 4th Sunday in Sept. 1913.

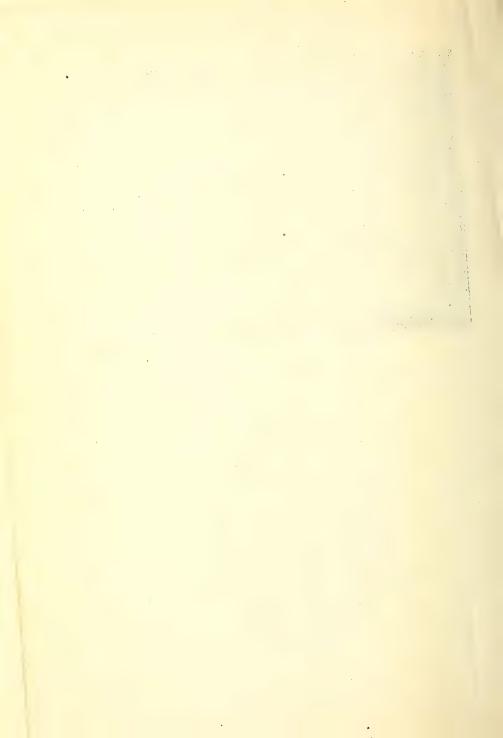


ROCKY SPRINGS CHURCH
Place where Association was held Sept. 26-29, 1912.



REV. S. B. McCALL

Pastor of Rocky Springs Church



KEYSTONE GRADED LESSONS

INTERNATIONAL COURSES

I. Beginners' Grade

TWO YEARS, COMPLETE MARGARET COOTE BROWN

FOR TEACHERS

Beginners' Course. A teacher's illustrated text-book. \$1.00 a year. Quarterly parts, 25 cents.

Beginners' Pictures. \$2.50 a set for one year. 65 cents for one quarter.

FOR PUPILS

Beginners' Stories. An illustrated paper for each Sunday. Single subscriptions, 35 cents for one year. In quantities of five or more to one address, 7½ cents each for one quarter; 30 cents each for one year.

II. Primary Grade

THREE YEARS, COMPLETE

FIRST YEAR

ANTOINETTE ABERNETHY LAMOREAUX

SECOND YEAR AUGUSTA WALDEN COMSTOCK

THIRD YEAR

ANNA EDITH MEYERS

FOR TEACHERS

Primary Course. A teacher's textbook. \$1.00 a year. Quarterly parts, 25 cents.

Primary Pictures. \$2.50 a set for one year. 65 cents for one quarter.

FOR PUPILS

Primary Stories. An illustrated paper for each Sunday. Single subscriptions, 35 cents for one year. In quantities of five or more to one address, 7½ cents each for one quarter; 30 cents each for one year.

III. Junior Grade

(To be completed in four years)

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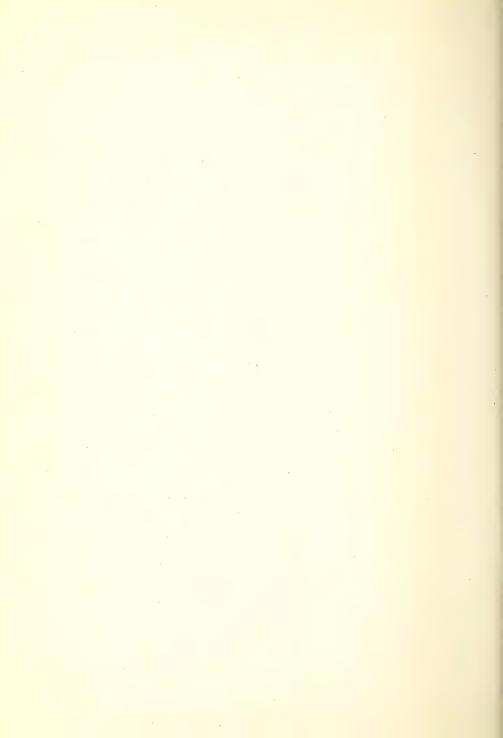
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PROCEEDINGS.

The Body was called to order by I. W. Thomas, Moderator of last Session, devotional exercises conducted by C. S. Cashwell, and upon motion the reading of the church letters was dispensed with, and the Body goes into the election of officers, when upon motion of Y. D. Moore, J. O. Fullbright was instructed to cast the ballot for I. W. Thomas, Moderator, and J. R. Swanson Clerk, which was done, and the Body proceeded to business by giving an opportunity to churches desiring membership in this body, when Center Grove, a newly constituted church, presented a letter and petition for membership. Pending a motion to receive said church, a committee was appointed to examine as to the Orthodoxy of said church and report to the Body; to-wit, J. O. Fullbright, S. B. McCall.

At this point the following Bretheren accept seats in the Body; viz, C. M. Ervin from the South Fork Association. L. C. Wilson, I. C. Miller, John Crisp, from the Three Fork. A. W. Setzer, G. P. Abernethy, C. A. Rhyne and W. N. Cook from the South Fork. C. S. Cashwell, South Yadkin.

The Moderator then appointed the following Committees.

Committee on digest of church letters—M. N. Harshaw, Y. D. Moore.

Committee on Arrangements—J. L. Beach, J. H. Johnson, R. H. Pipes, with Moderator and Clerk.

Committee on Finance—J. A. Raby, H. M. Beach.

Committee on Time and Place of next meeting—E. P. McCrary, W. H. H. Hartley, D. O. Ray, W. A. Walker, C. M. Ervin, T. C. Curtis and Andy Starnes.

The Body then agrees to meet at night 7:30 o'clock, at morning 9:30 for business, adjourn at 11:30 to hear Sermon, Take a recess until 2 p. m. Meet at 2 p. m., adjourn at will.

Committee on Devotion—Pastor and Delegates of this church.

At this point the committee report favorably in regard to Center Grove church which was received and the right hand of fellowship extended the delegates. Next agree to have the Annual Sermon tonight at 7:30, followed by report on Temperance. Y. D. Moore was then elected Vice-Moderator. Adjourned to 7:30 tonight.

Benediction by L. C. Wilson.

EVENING SESSION

Met as per adjournment, prayer by W. N. Cook, Annual Sermon by G. C. Ivery, from Acts 26. 28, after which the Body was seated for business, when G. P. Abernethy made an appeal in behalf of the High Shoals Church, which had been destroyed by storm, when a collection was taken for that purpose.

The following report on Temperance was read and pending motion to adopt remarks were made by M. N. Harshaw, I. C. Miller. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The question of Temperance is one of the most vital questions that has engaged the attention of our people in a generation. It effects the man in the hovel as much as the man in the palace. It seeks the betterment of all classes. It helps the poor as well as the rich; the ignorant as well as the learned: the Sinner as well as the Saint. Intemperance blights the home of the poor and humble as well as the home of the rich and arragant. It makes paupers of the well-to-do and grinds the heart of the widow and orphan. It breeds ruin and destruction and is responsible for much hunger and want, Its entrance into any home is the signal for distress; and its abiding place is the devils camping ground,

The man today who advocates the return of the liquor trafic is a marked man and his usefulness in life is wasted and gone. It is the duty not only of all christians but of all good citizens to frown down on intemperance in all forms.

Be it said to the credit and praise of North Carolina, she has gone on record against liquor in any form. Let us stand for Temperance in the home, on the street, in the office, on the farm and wherever our influence is felt let it be known for righteousness. Cursed is he who puttith the bottle to his neighbors mouth, or who looketh on wine when it is red.

M. N. HARSHAW

Commitiee on devotion report devotional exercises to be conducted tomorrow morning, by L. C. Wilson, sermon at 11 o'clock by C. S. Cashwell. The Body then takes a recess until tomorrow morning, benediction by A. W. Setzer.

FRIDAY'S SESSION

Morning session met as per adjournment, devotional exercises conducted by L. C. Wilson. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved. W. R. Beach, E. L. Middleton of the Raleigh, S. J. Honeycutt of the South Fork and C. A. Lineberg of the Catawba River Associations, accept seats in the body. Committee on Arrangements report, and report was received and placed in hand of Moderator for guidance, and by motion Sunday Schools was made special order for tonight, and report on Orphanage special for tomorrow night at 7:30.

Report on Education was then read and pending adoption remarks were made by Y. D. Moore, E. L. Middleton and R. H. Pipes. Report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Many people think that Education is desirable only because it will help us make money. But education is good in itself. We ought to strive to educate ourselves and our children even if we make less money. The rising generation should be educated that they may make better citizens and better and more useful church members. They ought to be

educated because God has given them power to be developed and improved for His glory. Can we claim to be faithful stewards when all our time and thought are given to careing for the body and no attention given to the mental powers that God has given us? The development of the intellectual powers can best be accomplished by patronizing schools of the highest grade. We would especially advise our Baptist brethren to give their children the best mental training possible. We also urge upon our young ministers the importance of securing an education that they may be prepared to advocate, maintain and defend our distinctive doctrines against a gainsaying world and make themselves workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly devining the word of truth.

J. R. SWANSON. M. G. CLOER.

The following Committees were appointed:

Committee to nominate an Executive Committee—J. H. Johnson, J. O. Fullbright, J. M. Harless.

Committee on Resolutions—J. L. Beach, A. P. Harris. Special order having arrived, C. S. Cashwell preached from Acts 26, 16, after which the body adjourned to 2 p. m. Benediction by C. S. Cashwell.

EVENING SESSION.

Met at 2 p. m. Prayer by W. R. Beach. Committee on Postoral Support not present, C. M. Ervin and S. J. Honeycutt were appointed to write report. Report on periodicals was then read and remarks were made by W. R. Beach, L. C. Wilson, S. B. McCall, Y. D. Moore, I. C. Miller and others. Report adopted:

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

The Biblical Recorder is the organ of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and has fostered every claim of the denomination and stood boldly by every undertaking through all the years.

It is the bond of unity for our people as well as a medium of communication. It is the agency for the dissemination of knowledge about the work for the spread of Truth. This is a reading age and if we fail to give ourselves and families the opportunity to read the good, other matter that is not

helpful will creep in with its poisoning effect and do its hurtful work before we are aware of its influence.

Notwithstanding the increase of our denomination numerically in the last five years there has been very little gain in the number of subscribers during that time. It can never reach its greatest usefulness until it is more widely read by our people. To this end we earnestly ask our pastors it this association to encourage and urge their members to become subscribers to and readers of the paper.

H. M. BEACH

Upon motion report on Ministerial Relief be read and discussed tonight after Sunday School report.

At this point J. R. Swanson was elected Treasurer of this Body. Y. D. Moore elected member of State Mission Board. J. G. Benfield member of Home Mission Board and J. O. Fullbright member of Foreign Mission Board. And the following were appointed delegates to State and Southern Baptist Convention, viz, P. H. Icen hour, I. W. Thomas, J. G. Benfield to State Convention, and J. O. Fullbright to Southern Baptist Convention, with S. B. McCall alternate.

The following Gospel Mission report was received and adopted.

REPORT ON GOSPEL MISSION.

I have received from all sources during the past year \$187.95. We have 8 Missionaries in China, 4 in Mexico and Cuba, and 12 Home Missionaries in the Various States.

Brethren are we doing our level best for the one who loved us and gave himself for us?

F. P. MOORE

Devotional Committee report C. A. Rhyne to conduct devotional exercises tomorrow morning, W. R. Beach to preach at 11 o'clock. E. F. Mumford of South Fork Association accepts seat in the Body and the Body takes a recess till tonight at 7:30. Benediction by C. M. Ervin.

NIGHT SESSION.

Met as per adjournment, prayer by E. F. Mumford.

Report on Sunday Schools was read, remarks by E. L. Middleton, report adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We find authority for Sunday Schools in God's word. The fact that a Sunday School, with good organization, adequate equipment, and good teaching, is sure to become effective in winning souls for God and in developing them for his use, is proof of God's favor.

The Sunday School work of the state is hopeful. There seems to be a steady, healthful growth. Since 1905 we have grown from 1290 schools to 1920 in 1912; a gain of 630 or 49 per cent in seven years. Mere numerical growth, however is not necessarily indicative to success. We find more general interest in the cause than formerly. Schools are improving their organizations as well as enlarging their membership. Many are training their teachers in the Sunday School Board's training courses. Churches are building class-rooms or using curtains to improve their equipment.

We find the following facts about the work in our own Association:-

As reported last year we have 33 schools, with an enrollment of 2478; 1039 less than the membership of our churches, 2 churches reporting no school at all, We urge upon our Pastors and people more united and consecrated effort in behalf of the Sunday School work and as a policy for next year we would recommend the following.

- 1—The organization of our Sunday School forces into a Convention with needed officers and committees to advance the work. Let the Executive Committee be appointed now to do this work and cooperate with the State Sunday School Committee and Secretary.
- 2—A vigorous campaign to enlist more of our church members and others not reached for the Sunday School. A religious census followed by grading the school will greatly aid in this.
- 3—The organization of Teacher Training Classes for officers and teachers. These may pursue the Normal Course or the Reading Course. Free literature will explain both courses.
- 4—The co-operation with other associations in supporting Sunday School Missions by putting this fund on same basis as the other mission and benevolent objects of the Convention. The Sunday Schools, however, ought to meet this ob-

ligation.

5—More definite plans for making our schools evangelistic. These ought to become great soul-saving agencies. Every unsaved member of our classes ought to be brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus.

6—That our officers and teachers secure literature on the various phases of up-to-date Sunday School work This will be furnished free by our Sunday School Secretary.

E. L. MIDDLETON, Raleigh, N. C.

Report on Ministerial Relief was read and remarks were made by C. M. Ervin, W. R. Beach, S. B. McCall, and W. N. Cook. Report adopted and the body adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30. Benediction by J. G. Benfield.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

The object of this Board is to afford aid and relief to the needy Baptist Ministers of North Carolina and their widows. There are a number of beneficiaries now on the Board and others that have made applications. Showing that the gradual increase will continue. The beneficiaries receive from \$40.00 to \$200.00 a year each. They need more. Some of them have no means of support, except the amount received from the Board. It should be the desire of every Baptist in North Carolina to help the old Soldiers of the Cross who have given the best of their lives to the preaching of the Gospel to a lost world. We urge the pastors to take collection for this worthy object.

Respectfully,

W. H. H. HARTLEY, C. M. ERVIN,

Committee.

SATURDAY.

Morning session met as per adjournment. Devotional exercises conducted by C. A. Rhyne. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved and the following resolutions were adopted:

(A RESOLUTION WHICH, SEPARATE OR AS PART
OF THE REPORT ON EDUCATION OR
SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES, IS PASSING THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS OF N. C. JUST AS
FAST AS IT CAN BE
WELL PRESENTED.

Whereas the need of a house of worship at Wake Forest is so imperative for the young men in College there, whereas the Baptist State Convention took this matter up at Goldsboro last December and asked the Baptists of North Carolina to put \$25,000 into this Building and urged that work on it be begun at once, whereas work on it is progressing finely, and whereas there will be thousands of dollars of deterioration in the building if roofed in by winter.

Therefore be it Resolved by this Association:

- 1—That this Association undertake to raise for this worthy urgent cause at least \$100.00 within the next sixty days.
- 2—That a Committee of three be appointed to suggest what part of this amount may be raised by each church in the Association and to make a report before this session of the Association adjourns.
- 3—That each Pastor in the Association be requested to see that every member of every church he shepards shall have a chance to help in the erection of this house of God at Wake Forest College and to see that the name of each person, church and association and the amount of each contribution shall be sent with the remittance to Pastor Walter N. Johnson, Wake Forest N. C. for preservation in the walls of the Building.
- J. G. Benfield, S. B. McCall and J. W. Whisnant, were appointed to apportion the amount asked for among the churches of this association.

The report on Pastoral Support was read and adopted without remarks.

REORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

We have Christ's own words about pastoral support. He told the twelve Apostles that the "workman is worthy of his meat," and when he sent out the seventy disciples he ex-

pressed the same idea in the words "the laborer is worthy of his hire." Paul in writing to the Church of Corinth referred to these two expressions of Christ when he said, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel."

The words of Jesus are plain about this matter the pastor should be supported so that he can give his entire time to the work of the Gospel Ministry.

C. M. IRVING
S. J. HONEYCUTT

Then upon motion this association donate out of the funds accruing from the rental of Lenoir High School property the sum of \$50.00 to M. I. Harris who is a Ministerial Student at South Fork Institute.

Report on Woman's Work was then read and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF WOMAN'S WORK.

A short time ago an Associational Vice-President was appointed by our State Central Committee, and for the first time steps are being taken toward the organization of the women and children of the Caldwell Association into Missionary Societies, Royal Ambassador Chapters, and Sunbeam Bands, for three definate things, To study about, pray for, and give to Missions.

As women and children, we desire to hely the less fortunate woman and children of this and other lands, to know and love our Christ. An I we believe that in our woman's missionary societies, by careful study, earnest prayer and systematic giving, we shall learn more of the needs and conditions of God's creatures everywhere, and also more ways of "going into all the world to preach the gospel." Then as our children and young people are brought into the church, taught to love the Master, and trained for efficient service in His kingdom, untold blessings shall flow through the church, in an ever increasing stream, to the utter-most parts of the earth.

As yet, we have only three Woman's Missionary Societies, one Y. W. A., one Royal Ambasador Chapter, and one Sunbeam Band, with a total membership of 100. Will not the Pastors and Laymen of our churches help us to reach and enlist the Two Thousand Women in the Caldwell Association, who are not interested, and who do not know

that they may have a part in this great work? A "Woman's Meeting" has been planned, at this time, for the purpose of organizing an Associational Union which shall be auxillary to the Caldwell Association. We earnestly desire the support, encouragement, and prayers of this body in our organization, and in our every effort to bring about the desired aim—." A Woman's Missionary Society in every church and every woman a member, all studying about, praying for, and giving to Missions."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

I	No. Mem.	Ex Fund	For. M.	. H.M.	St. M.	L.T.S. Total
W.M.S. Lenoir, 1st C	. 16	\$1.00	\$10.60	\$8.50	\$20.00	\$40.10
Y.W. A. " " "			2.00		1.50	3.50
Royal A. " "	12		1.60	1,25	1.00	3.85
Sun Band " " "	20		1.50	1.50	1.00	4.00
W.M.S. Lower Ck. "	27				1.45	1.50 2.95
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Total reported	100	1.00	14.70	12.25	24.25	1.50 53.90

Letters and postals written, 57.

Tracts distributed, 25.

Mission periodicals now being taken in the Societies, 37.

Mrs. J. A. Boldin.

Vice-Pres. W. M. U. Caldwell Association.

Report on State Missions was read and pending adoption remarks by E. L. Middleton. Report adopted:

STATE MISSIONS

For more than eighty years North Carolina Baptists have been doing State Mission work under the auspecies of the Baptist State Convention. God has greatly blessed this work. For the last year great progress has been made. Using the last reports we find the following facts:

"We had last year 150 missionaries, who preached at 335 churches and out-stations. The missionaries preached 10,150 sermons, held 231 meetings, baptized 1,607 people, received 1,393 by letter. They reported 2,627 professions of faith, 20 houses of worship being built and 12 houses finished."

The result during the present year are equally encouraging. The amount of money to be raised is larger than at same date last year. We would urge every church to take a collection during October and forward at once to Walter Durham, Raleigh, N. C.

The work of State Missions is fundamental. Every interest of the kingdom advances when a church works and gives for this cause. It brings them in close touch with the other interests of our Convention and they give both their financial and moral support.

It is urged that all our churches enter into this denomitional enterprise heartily.

JOE POWELL,
J. O. FULBRIGHT.
Committee.

Special order having arrived, W. R. Beach preached from Mark 12 41 and the body takes a recess until 2:00 p. m. Benediction by C. S. Cashwell.

EVENING SESSION.

Met at 2 p. m., roll of delegates called, absentees marked, followed by the reports of Home and Foreign Missions which were discussed jointly by E. F. Mumford, D. O. Ray, M. L. Kesler, W. R. Beach and adopted:

HOME MISSION REPORT.

The founders of the Republic desired that this should be a Christian nation. They set forth their ideas in many of the earlier State papers. They refused to bolster up relious institutions by the State patronage.

History has justified their wisdom. The oppressed of every nation today look to America to show the way to better things. We have tried and know of a truth that "Righteousness exalteth a nation." But our best efforts have been imperfect; we also know that "sin is a reproach to a nation." Of 94,000,000 people in America only about 21,000,000 are members of any evangelical religions body. Of 31,000,000 people in the Southern Baptist Convention territory fewer than 11,000,000 are members of evangelical bodies.

There remains a large task of pioneer mission work in our territory. After all the successful efforts of Home and State Missions, scores of communities in many States do not hear the gospel message. There has come about in addition a pioneer work of a new kind. It has to be found in the slums of the cities and sometimes along the fashionable boulevards. With the old task unfinished, many new ones are being added that are most difficult.

Southern Baptists are confronted by an immense vitalization task. Thousands of churches without resident pas-

tors, with only once-a-month preaching, are finding themselves inadequately taught and trained to meet the pressing needs of today. "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," we are beginning to see, is as truly a part of the Commission of our Lord as is evangelizing the lost. Our Home Board is undertaking to help in this great work for the enlistment and strengthening of our undeveloped churches. To strengthen our Board in this work is to strengthen everything for which Baptists stand.

Three thousand unhoused churches in our Convention territory, with thousands of others in buildings that are not adequate to their needs, mutely appeal for a large and hearty support to the Home Board in raising the Million Dollar Church Building Loan Fund.

In the Southwest, in Cuba and Panama, among the Southern mountains, in destitute city places and in needy rural districts throughout the South, among the Indians and Negroes and the foreigners, through evangelism, church building work and enlistment endeavor, our Home Mission Board is today doing the greatest work of all of its fruitful history.

With all of these tasks pressing for vigorous, capable attention, our Board stands in the front ranks of those agencies of our Baptist body through which we seek to keep inviolate in a day of testing, the great Baptist principle of loyalty to Christ and the teachings of his Word. danger that new and increasing Southern wealth shall lead men to drown the voice of spiritual appeal in the noise of the marketplace. There is a danger, now that the world has become a single community, that we shall love humanity in the abstract and forget to love our neighbors in their own persons—those who live with us and who are the inescapable test of the reality of our love for men. There is danger that hasty effort on the part of some of our churches to adjust themselves to new and involved social service requirements. may betray us into a wrong emphasis. There is danger that the quality of our impact upon society may be impaired by confusing the "goodly pearls" of social efficiency and human fraternaty with "the Pearl of Great Price." Christianity means better living conditions among men, but the supreme business of the churches is to produce these better conditions by producing better men and women.

The Home Mission Board apportionment for the whole South is this year \$431,730.

- 1. That pastors and workers urgechurches to subscribe for The Home Field, the monthly Home Mission magazine and to make the largest use of the excellent Home Mission tracts, which are free on application.
- 2. That our churches remember Home Missions during the year and give with more regularity to meet the constant needs of the Board.
- 3. That earnest prayer be made for the case of Home Missions in all the churches and that our pastors be requested to preach on this subject, as often as practicable.

The address of the Home Mission Board is Third National Bank Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

Fraternally submitted,

J. G. BENFIELD.

J. L. BEACH.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

Our Foreign Mission Board reports a year of success and great progress on our foreign fields, except in Mexico, where unsettled conditions have hindered the work. During last year seventeen new missionaries were sent out and eight others are under appointment. This makes a total missionary force of 285 missionaries, who are assisted by 569 native workers. The number of baptisms for this year is 4,532, the largest in the history of our foreign mission work. Southern Baptists contributed last year \$543,446. This year we are asked to raise \$646,500. It will take all of this amount to maintain the work, pay off past obligations, and make such advance that the Board can send out a few missionaries to points where it is absolutely necessary to have reinforcements.

The Convention also asked that each state raise a definite amount, and the money requested from each state has been carefully devided up among the various associations, and this association has been asked to raise \$375,00. Let us start at once a great movement for the foreign missions in our association. We recomend, 1 That a committe be appointed to carefully devide the amount asked from this association for foreign missions among the churches that the report of this Committee be printed in the Minutes of this Association, and that we pledge ourselves to do our best to raise this amount and more if possible. 2 That all our people take and read the Foreign Mission Journal and that someone in each church be appointed to secure subscribers for the Journel, and also to write to the Foreign Mission

Board for tracts for free distribution. 3 That all our churches earnestly consider the question of raising our mission funds in a systematic way so that the money can be sent forward all through the year, thus saving interest on borrowed money and furnishing the Board with constant supply of contributions for carrying on the work.

R. H. PIPES.

\$375.00 Proportionment among the Churches for Foreign
Mission under the Board Plan:

Antioch	\$25.00	Lenoir Second\$2,50
Bethel		Mt. Grove 4.00
Blairs Fork		Mt. Zion 5.00
Bethany		Mulberry 5.00
Buffalo Cove		Nelson Chapel 1.00
Conways Chapel		Piny Grove12.50
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Clarks Chapel		Pooveys Grove 2.50
Concord	2.50	Pisgah 2.00
Dudly Shoals	20.00	Rocky Springs12.50
Flemings Chapel	5.00	Rhodhiss
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Granite Falls	20.00	Union Grove 2.00
Green Rock	2.00	Union 12.50
Globe	25.00	Whitnel 2.00
Johns River	5.00	Winklers Grove 2.50
Kings Creek	17.50	Wilsons Creek 10.00
Lower Creek	35.00	Yakin 2.50
Lovelady	7.50	Center Crove 1.00
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Committee on Time and Place submit the following which was adopted, viz: Time on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September at 11:00 a.m., 1914. Place, Union church 9 miles east of Lenoir. J. O. Fulbright to preach the Annual Sermon, I. W. Thomas Alternate.

We your Committee on Finance make the following report:

Received for Minutes and Clerk	\$36.74.
State Missions	18.95
Home Missions	
Foreign Missions	
Orphanage	30.43
Aged Ministers	1.25

Committee on Digest of Church Letters was received:

REPORT OF DIGEST COMMITTEE.

Your Committe beg leave to submit the following report, viz: We find that there are now 38 churches in the Association, 37 of them being represented at this session. Union Grove not being represented. The letters show 201 Baptisms and a total membership of entire Association of 3,580, an increase in membership of 63, a decrease in Baptisms of 92.

The contributions for State Mission amounts to \$96.43, a decrease of \$96.81; for Home Missions \$124.87, an increase of \$61.48; for Forman Missions \$277.03, an increase of \$161.03; for Orphanage \$200.84, an increase of \$27.56; for Ministerial Education \$12.41, a decrease of \$5.36; for Ministers Relief \$18.29, an increase of \$5.55 over last year.

There was contributed for Pastor's Salary during the year \$3,781.89, and increase over last year of \$430.00: for Building and Repair this year \$3201.46, a decrease of \$3713.81.

There has been contributed for all objects this year \$8944.98, a decrease of \$2767.96. This decrease is accounted for in the building of the Lenoir Baptist Church last year.

We find that Pastor's salaries range from \$16.50 to \$1250,00, with an average of about \$100.00 per church. Thirteen churches in the Association pay their Pastor's less than \$50.00 the year, an only ten churches pay more than \$100,00 the year.

Thirty-two out of the 37 churches reporting, contributed to the Orphanage, but only six contributing to Ministerial Relief.

We find two churches that contributed nothing whatever to any of the objects of the State Convention, and these two churches have over 100 missionary Baptist members.

Respectfully submitted,

M. N. HARSHAW,

Y. D. MOORE, J. W. WHISNANT,

Committee.

Committee to apportion the \$100.00 among the churches asked for in behalf of the church building at Wake Forest make the following report:

APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Antioch	\$3.00	Lenoir, 2nd	\$2.00
Buffalo Cove	3 00	Lovelady	2 00
Bethany	3 00	Mt. Zion	4 00
Bethel	2 00	Mt. Grove	2 00
Blairs Fork	1 00	Mulberry	1.00
Concord	1 00	Nelsons Chapel	1 00
Conways Chapel	3 00	Poovey's Grove	1 00
Clarks Chapel	1 00	Pisgah	1 00
Dudley Shoals	5 00	Piney Grove	3 00
Flemings Chapel	2 00	Rhodhiss	3 00
Globe	5 00	Rocky Springs	5 00
Granite Falls	5 00	Sardis	4 00
Green Valley	2 00	Union	4 00
Green Rock	1 00	Union Grove	1 00
Harris Chapel	1 00	Whitnel	2 00
Johns River	2 00	Winklers Grove	1 00
Kings Creek	5 00	Wilsons Creek	2 00
Lower Creek	5 00	Yadkin	2 00
Lenoir, 1st	10 00	Center Grove	1 00

J. G. BENFIELD,

J. W. WHISNANT,

S. B. McCall,

Committee.

Then the body authorized the re-printing of our By-Laws and articles of faith. The following Resolutions of Thanks was then offered and received:

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Your committe on Resolutions submit the following report:

Resolved First, That the thanks of this Association are due and heartily tendered to our Moderator and Clerk for their very efficient and faithful services during this Association.

Resolved Second, That we earnestly request the Superintendents of the Sunday Schools in our Association to introduce Charity & Children in their Schools for the benefit of the children.

Resolved Third, That we most heartily tender our sincere thanks to the good people of Lenoir for their kind and generous hospitality during our stay among them.

A. P. HARRIS.
J. L. BEACH,
Committee.

Ordered that the Clerk have \$10.00 for his services use the remainder of in printing and distributing Minutes. A collection was then taken to refund money to Clerk used in mailing Minutes last year. Collection \$3.06. Adjourned until 7:30 tonight.

NIGHT SESSION.

Met 7:30. Prayer by W. R. Beach. Report on Orphanage was read and pending adoption remarks were made by M. L. Kesler. Report adopted and a cash collection was taken for Orphans amounting to \$16.00 and the same was turned over to M. L. Kesler.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage is always a subject of universal interest and appeal. The Baptists of North Carolina are fortunate in the ownership of that most splendid institution located at Thomasville, with 411 children now under its care and control. And yet fifty children are knocking at its doors every month for admittance, most of whom are turned away for lack of room.

It costs about \$100.00 the year to support a child at the Orphanage outside of building and repairs, making the total cost of maintenance per year over \$41,000.00, or about \$115.00 a day. This sum of money must come from the Baptists of North Carolina, and a large per cent thereof through the medium of the Sunday School.

According to the reports from the various Churches represented in this Association, the amount paid last year to the Orphanage by all the Churches in the Association was almost negligible. The Committee thinks that this condition could be remedied in a large measure by magnifying Thanksgiving Day as a time to make a liberal contribution to the Orphanage, as well as insisting that the collection on the first Sunday in each month in every Sunday School be given to the Orphanage. Too great emphasis cannot be laid upon these two plans for securing larger contributions to this most worthy object.

No investment yields larger returns than that which is invested in the care, education and training of the child. The Charity and Children is perhaps the best stimulant to activity in giving to the Orphanage.

We urge that every Baptist become a reader of this paper either as an individual subscriber, or as a member under the Club Plan, and thus inform himself as to the needs of this institution.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. McCall, J. W. Whisnant, Committee.

The following report from Executive Committee was received:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

We, the Executive Committee for the Caldwell County Baptist Association, beg leave to make the following report: At the request of our Committee the State Board assisted at the following points in the bounds of our Association: Whitnel, Second Baptist Church Lenoir, Grandin City and Blairs Fork. The work under the leadership of God's faithful and consecrated servants was greatly prospered, and we would recommend that the work be continued. Owing to some misunderstanding no colportour was employed during the past year. Cash on hand and besides amount invested in books, \$10.63. We suggest that the Committee for the ensuing year realize the great importance of the work and appoint a colportour.

F. P. MOORE, J. L. BEACH, JOE POWELL, Y. D. MOORE.

The Associational Historian submit the following report which was received:

REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

Lenoir First Church was organized Aug. 18, 1889, by the following Presbytery: Elder Isaac Oxford, Isaac Smith and W. A. Pool.

The following Pastors have served the church: W. A. Pool, I. W. Thomas, J. G. Pulliam, A. T. Howell, G. H. Church, R. P. Walker, C. A. G. Thomas and J. O. Fulbright.

Brethren G. R. Clarke, J. V. McCall and W. M. Moore have served as clerk.

During the pastorate of G. H. Church the building was

enlarged and during the present pastorate the new church has been built on the site from which the old one was removed.

H. M. BEACH.

The following Standing Committee was then appointed:

Foreign Missions; J. O. Fulbright, Joe Powell.

Home Missions; J. W. Whisnant, S. B. McCall.

State Missions; W. T. Beach, J. H. Johnson.

Sunday Schools; R. H. Pipes, Y. D. Moore.

Ministerial Relief; J. R. Swanson, M. S. Cloer.

Orphanage; J. G. Benfield, J. L. Beach.

Pastoral Support; W. H. H. Hartley, E. A. Nelson.

Education; H. M. Beach, J. A. Raby.

Periodicals; M. N. Harshaw, E. D. Crisp.

Temperance; V. H. Beach, E. A. Poe.

On motion a Committee was appointed to apportion the \$375.00 asked for in the report on Foreign Missions, among the churches of this Association and report to the Clerk later, viz: J. O. Fulbright, J. L. Beach, S. B. McCall.

The Association tender to Hardy Turner a vote of thanks for his excellent services in rendering music during services of the Association.

The body takes a recess until tomorrow at 11 o'clock. Benediction by Moderator.

Sunday morning met and M. L. Kisler preached from Acts 20:25 and a collection was taken for State Missions amounting to \$18.82.

Thus ended a very pleasant and profitable session of of the Caldwell Association.

J. R. SWANSON, Clerk.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Antioch—S. T. Harris.

Blairs Fork—Elbert Greene.

Buffalo Cove—R. H. Pipes, A. M. Church, J. W. Hamlet.

Bethel-Walter Moses.

Center Grove—A. P. Harris.

Clarkes Chapel—A. C. Clark.

Concord—J. K. Fox, L. Fox.

Conways Chapel—D. O. Ray, Slite Braswell.

Dudley Shoals -- Andrew Starnes.

Flemings Chapel—C. A. Anderson.

Globe-by letter.

Green Valley-J. A. Lenton, M. C. Estes.

Green Rock-L. L. Hawkins, W. T. Coffey.

Harris Chapel—George Austin.

Johns River-Joseph Gragg, D. M. Estes.

Kings Creek—H. M. Beach, J. S. Hass, J. L. Beach.

Lovelady-B. F. Beach, H. H. Bumgarner.

Lower Creek—E. A. Shaver, J. R. Swanson, J. A. Raby, W. A. Spencer, Joe Powell, S. L. Austin, H. C. McGowan.

Lenoir 1st—Y. D. Moore, W. L. Beach, Frank Lutz, Walter Teague, W. B. McCall, J. E. Poteat, J. W. Whisnant.

Lenoir 2nd—D. A. Griffin, J. M. Harless.

Mountain Grove-By letter.

Mt. Zion—M. E. Miller.

Mulberry-By letter

Nelsons Chapel—E. L. Curtis.

Piney Grove—W. A. Walker.

Pisgah—Noah Austin, N. J. Bently.

Poveys Grove—L. D. Keller.

Rhodhiss-C. A. Rhyne.

Rocky Spring—Anderson Suddreth, G. L. Gragg.

Sardis-J. L. Lutz, J. N. Mabe, W. H. H. Hartley.

Union—E. P McCrary.

Wilsons Creek-Todd Cook.

Whitnel—J. H. Johnson, J. H. Andrews, J. W. C. McCall.

Winklers Grove—W. H. Winkler, W. A. Swanson. Yadkin—V. M. Carter, J. K. Farthing.

P. S.—Union Grove not represented.

TREASURERS REPORT

RECEIPTS

Received from Finance Committee \$121.57 Received from Association, for back postage Received for State Missions (hat collection) 18.82
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To shortage on Minute Fund \$12.85

List of Ordained and Licensed Preachers and Ministers of Caldwell County Baptist Association

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J. M. Harris Morganton, N. C.
J. S. Gwaltney "" ""
T. S. Robbins Buffalo Cove "
L. C. King Route 5, Lenoir, "
T. L. Blalock Shan Tung China,
D. L. Miller Hudson, N. C.
J. G. Benfield Route 2, Morganton, "
J. O. Fulbright Lenoir, "
I. W. Thomas
J. R. J. Annas Saw Mills, N. C.
J. H. Nelson Patterson,
E. D. Crisp Lenoir,
S. B. McCall Conettsvine,
P. H. Icenhour Saw Mills, "
D. O. Ray Route 5, Lenoir, N. C.
J. C. Clark " 3 " "
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Joe Powell Lenoir, N. C.
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Y. D. Moore " " "
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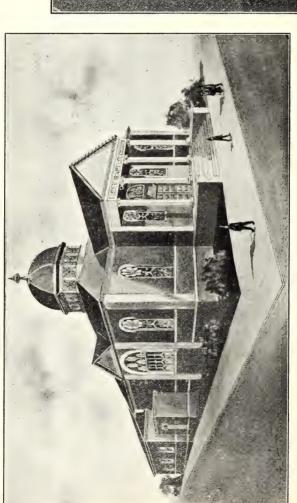
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Lenoir First Baptist Church.

J. O. Fulbright, Pastor.

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Constitution

- 1. This Association shall be known as the CALDWELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches—each church being entitled to three delegates, and all regular ordained and licensed ministers as members ex-officio.
- 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdon in the hearts of men.
- 3. The delegates thus selected shall bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.
- 4. The Association thus formed shall choose by ballot a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall continue in office for one year, and until others are chosen. The last two offices may be held by the same individual.
- 5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business, to keep order during each session, to decide questions of order, subject to an appeal of the house by any member, and to perform all other duties pertaining to his office.
- 6. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful and correct record of all the proceedings of each session of the Association, and keep a file of printed Minutes of the Association, and every ten years have them bound in book form for the use of the Association, and to perform such other duties assigned him by the Association.
- 7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of all the funds coming into his hands, and to report the same at the order of the Association.
- 8. There shall be a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk.
- 9. All letters of grievances and queries together with all letters from corresponding Associations requiring any attention thereon shall be submitted to the Committee of Arrangements and reported back to the Association.
- 10. This body shall have no coercive power to exercise Lordship over God's heritage, but shall only be an advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulations of the churches.
- 11. When an offense may have been committed by one church against another, or where a series of difficulties may have arisen in an individual church, it shall be the duty of the Association, after due labors have been had between the offended and offending churches, or an individual church, as the case may be, to take the matter into consideration and advise upon it.

- 12. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve gospel order among their members, nor any of her churches and ministers that treat her constitution with contempt, but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote gospel principles and order.
- 13. It shall be the province of this Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.
- 14. The Association shall in all matters, except cases pertaining to the constitution, be governed by a majority of the members present, and shall not adjourn until they have gone through the business of the Association except in extraordinary cases.
- 15. Each church having an ordained or a licensed minister shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such in the Minutes.
- 16. The Association shall furnish the churches with Minutes at her proceedings, and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.
- 17. The Association shall have a fund created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer subject to the disposition of a majority of the Association present at any annual session.
- 18. The Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place as the body may from time to time designate.
- 19. By appointment of the Association there may be an introtroductory, a missionary and a denominational sermon preached at each annual session.
- 20. This constitution may be altered at any time, two-thirds of the members present concurring.

By-Laws

- 1. At each assemblage of the Association for the transaction of business, the Moderator shall invite members to order; then the Association shall be opened with praise and prayer.
- 2. When the Moderator takes the chair, each member of the Association shall take his seat, and Minutes of the preceding day shall be read; the Minutes of the last day of any session, however, may be read at the close of the session.
- 3. The Moderator may speak to points of order in preference to other members; and, on points of order, no member shall speak more than once without leave of the body.
- 4. The Moderator shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.
- 5. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the body.

- 6. He shall have general direction of the house, and may name any member of the body to perform the duties of the chair.
- 7. When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Moderator, and confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personalities; if two or more members rise at the same time the Moderator shall name the brother to speak first. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the body.
- 8. While the Moderator is addressing the Association or putting any question, no member shall speak, stand, walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking entertain private discourse, stand up or pass between him and the chair.
- 9. After a motion is stated by the Moderator, or read by the Clerk it shall be deemed in the possession of the body, but may be withdrawn before a decision or amendment.
- 10. All papers addressed to the Association shall be presented by the Moderator.
- 11. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the body.
- 12. If any brother, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Association, the Moderator shall, or any other member may, call him to order, in which case the brother so called to order, shall at once conform to the rules or take his seat.
- 13. In all elections the Moderator may vote; in other cases he shall not vote, unless the Association be equally divided.
- 14. These rules or by-iaws may be altered or amended by a majority of the members at any session of the association concurring.

Abstract of Principals

- 1. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.
- 2. We believe that the Bible—the Old and New Testament—is the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
- 3. We believe in the impotency of man and the sovereignty of God.
- 4. We belive that salvation is by Grace, through Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 5. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ to be practiced only by believers in their scriptural order.
- 6. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator, and that only those thus baptized and are in fellowship with the Church in feeling and doctrine should take the Lord's Supper.

MORNING SESSION.

The first regular session of The Womans Missionary Union, of the Caldwell Association, met with the First Baptist Church Lenoir, Saturday September 27th 1913, with Mrs J. A. Boldin presiding and Mrs. W. S. Covington acting as temporary secretary.

After a few words of welcome, Mrs B. H. Dula President W. M. S. Lenoir, conducted a very helpful devotional service, closing with a chain prayer led by Miss Barrus.

The roll of churches was called and representatives from the following were recognized: Blair's Fork 2, Green Valley 1, Kings Creek 6, Lower Creek 10, Lenoir 1st Church 25, Lenoir 2nd Church 1, Whitnel 2. Among the visitors present were Mrs. J. W. Garvey vice-pres. W. M. U. Brushy Mt. Association, Miss Blanche Barrus state sec. W. M. U., Raleigh, Miss Lula Dixon of the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association, and Mrs. W. R. Gwaltney of South Fork Association. Visitors from the local churches of Lenoir were also recognized.

The Constitution and By-laws for Associational Unions was read by the secretary, adopted by the body, and explained very comprehensively and pleasingly by Mrs. Garvey.

Finding that Miss Barrus could not remain for the afternoon session, a change of program became necessary. Business was suspended and her address of "Woman's Missionary Union, Past and Present, Meaning of Jubilate Year," was given in her own original, graphic and appealing way. As she spoke of the beginnings, struggles, achievements and blessings of the W. M. U., every heart was filled with a truer appreciation of the work of our women and children, a deeper realization of the need of consecrated effort, and a greater desire that every woman and child in the Caldwell Association should have a part in this great work.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mrs. W. R. Gwaltney, Hickory.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Boldin, and then Mrs. J. W. Garvey was requested to occupy the chair during the election of officers. A nominating committee of 5 was elected as follows: Mrs. C. L. Wilson, Mrs. J. W. Whisnant, Mrs. Hill Swanson, Mrs. Lee Austin, Mrs. J. L. Beach. While the committee withdrew for consultation the congregation was favored with "Be a Little Sunbeam," by Sunbeam Band, Lenoir 1st Church and a vocal solo "A Little Bit of Love" by Miss Gerurude Courtney.

The chairman of nominating committee read the following report: "We recommend the election of Mrs. J. A. Boldin for president, Miss Cora Greer assistant president. Mrs. B. H. Dula secretary-treasurer. Upon motion and second the report was adopted by acclamation. After a few words of appreciation and encouragement by Mrs. Garvey, and a brief response by the President, Mrs. Boldin resumed the chair, and the roll of Misjonary Societies was called with reports from delegates as follows: Mrs. Y. D. Moore for W. M. S. Lenoir 1st. Church, Mrs. J. W. Whisnant for Y. W. A., Lenoir 1st., Mrs. W. S. Covington for Royal Ambassadors, and Sunbean Band, Lenoir 1st Church, Mrs. Hill Swanson for W. M. S. Lower Creek church, W. M. S. of Granite Falls had no delegate present but report had been sent to Vice-President.

Upon previous request of Divison Supt., Societies were urged to send representatives to Institute and State Jubilate to be held in Charlotte Oct. 28 29th.

Plans and apportionment for coming year were considered and a motion adopted to take as our aim, for 1913-1914, \$100.00, and the organization of as many new societies, Royal Ambassador Chapters, and Sunbeam Bands as possible.

The Y. W. A. Hymn, "O Zion Haste," by Young Woman's Auxillary, Lenoir, was followed by a round-table

discussion—"How we may interest the Women and Children of our Churches in Missions"—led by Mrs. C. L. Wilson. This was a very important feature of our meeting and we are indebted to all who took part in the discussion, but feel that the "Papers," prepared by Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Tuttle, deserve special mention. May we all remember and profit by their suggestions.

After a hymn by congregation, Mrs. J. M. Garvey of North Wilkesboro, gave us "Some Specific Reasons Why Every Church Should Have a Missionary Society." This earnest, convincing, address was really the climax of the session and we regret that we were unable to secure a copy for publication in the Minutes, for the benefit of our women who could not attend the meeting.

Mrs. Garvey's address was followed by a chain of special prayer for our work in the Caldwell Association. Some announcements were made, the congregation sang "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow", and the meeting was dismissed with the "Lord's Prayer" in concert.

It was a rare privilege to have Miss Barrus and Mrs. Garvey with us. Another very encouraging feature was the interest of our women and the many evidences of the presence of the Holy Spirit. We trust that from this day of "Small Beginnings" we received inspiration, courage, and faith to attempt "Larger Things" for the Master.

We thank the Association as a body for its most kind, courteous, recognition of the "Woman's Work" and ask its continued and increased support and co-operation.

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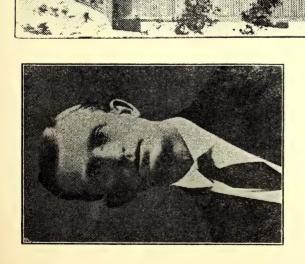
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PROCEEDINGS

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Introductory sermon by J. D. Moore from Acts 8:4. After taking a recess for one hour and fifteen minutes the body was called to order by I. W. Thomas, Moderator of last session, who read the 133 Psalm. Prayer by C. A. Rhyne. Upon motion, the reading of the church letters was dispensed with. And the body goes into the election of officers when, by motion of J. G. Benfield, J. O. Fulbright was instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for I. W. Thomas Moderator and J. R. Swanson Clerk and Treasurer, and the body proceeded to business and opportunity was given newly constituted churches desiring membership, but no response. The following brethren from their respective associations, accepted seats with us, to wit: J. D. Moore, from the Buncombe; R. L. Downs and Sherrill McLeod, from the Alexander; and C. A. Rhyne, from the South Fork Associations.

By special order report on State Missions was read and pending adoption, remarks were made by J. D. Moore and I. W. Thomas and the following churches made pledges to

State Missions, to-wit:

Antioch \$10	00.0	Lenoir 1st	\$50.00
Buffalo Cove 1	.00	Lenoir 2nd	5.00
Bethany 1	.00	Lovelady	1.00
Bethel	00.5	Mulberry	1.00
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Harris Chapel 1	.00	Wilson's Creek	3.00
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Lower Creek 10	0.00	Mt. Grove	1.00

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Those who invest in any enterprise have a right to know how the money they invest is being applied and what there is to show in the way of results.

The State Mission Board is composed of eighty members from the state at large and one representative from each of the 64 associations. To these brethren is committed the important and difficult task of apportioning the funds contributed for State Missions.

Those receiving salaries are the Corresponding Secretary, the Sunday-School Secretary, the Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's work and the stenographers.

The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention are elected by the Convention and the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union is elected by the W. M. U. Convention. The others are elected by the Board of Missions.

We speak of the West, the East and the Central Sections of the State. We do this for the sake of convenience, and for the further reason that conditions differ in these several sections.

In the West, development is our task. We are appropriating to that territory this year \$6,470, including the salary and traveling expenses of Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, who gives his whole time to that section and it is but fair, therefore, that his salary should be charged up to the West. We are also giving to the West \$1,500 for church building, making a total appropriation to that section of \$7,970.

In the Piedmont, or Central section, great changes are taking place because of the industrial awakening. It is necessary for the Board to expend a considerable amount of money in this region during the transition period. We have appropriated to the central part of the State this year \$19,528 including amount appropriated to church building. In the East is to be found real mission work, because in that portion of the State exists our greatest destitution. Not all the East is destitute, for the Chowan region has been called the

"Baptist Eden of North Carolina," and yet Hyde county, with only twenty-three Baptists and Dare county, with a hundred and fifty Baptists, are both in the Chowan Association. There are eighteen counties in the East in which the destitution is great. These are Dare, Hyde, Beaufort, Pamlico, Carteret, Oaslow, Jones, Craven, Pitt, Martin, Washington, Halifax, Edgecombe, Nash, Wilson, Greene, Lenoir, Johnston. We are appropriating to the East (including church building) \$20,210.

Let us glance at the report of last year, as that gives an idea of the results that come from the expenditures we make: We had last year 150 missionaries, who preached at 325 churches and out-stations. The missionaries preached 10, 150 sermons, held 231 meetings, baptised 1,6)7 people, received 1,393 by letter. They reported 2,627 professions of faith, 20 houses of worship being built and 12 houses finished.

The contributions of these mission points were as follows:

Paid on pastors' salaries	\$26,898.42
Church building	. 24,434.67
Objects of Convention	
Total	\$74,586.23

It is entirely proper for those who take stock in any enterprise to know how much is absorbed by expense. If the management of any business is believed to be extravagant, it is the duty of those having stock to demand an investigation, and require from those managing the business a full statement. It is even more obligatory upon those who contribute to the Lord's cause to see that the funds they contribute are faithfully and wisely handled.

Last year the Baptists of North Carolina contributed to State Missions \$47,931.91. The amount charged up to State Missions for expense was \$3,423.16, which is 7\frac{2}{3} per cent. of the amount contributed. For Home and Foreign Missions combined we received \$71,226.47. The expenses borne by these two was \$3,404.91, or 4.7-8 per cent of the total amount contributed for these objects. A little calculation will show that six per cent covers the expense of administration. The budget of expense includes salaries and traveling expenses of

the Corresponding Secretary of the convention and Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's work, salaries of Treasurer, Recording Secretaries, Auditor and stenographers, office rent, postage and printing. The salaries of the Recording Secretary and Auditor and printing and distribution of the minutes do not belong to the work of administration. If these were deducted it would bring the expense account down to about $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. That is, of every dollar contributed to missions, only $5\frac{1}{2}$ cents is used for expense, leaving $94\frac{1}{2}$ cents to go direct to mission work.

In supporting the work of State Missions we are reaching China, by way of North Carolina, and at the same time we are bringing a great blessing to our own beloved State.

The following Committees were then appointed: On Order of Business; E. D. Crisp, J. G. Benfield, J. L. Beach with Moderator and Clerk. On digest of church letters; J. C. Sherrill, H. M. Beach. On Finance; J. L. Austin, J. A. Raby. Resolutions; W. H. H. Hartley, M. C. Estes. On Time, Place and Preacher; I. M. Hawkins, J. R. Barber, J. B. Sigmon, M. J. Beach. On Devotion, Pastor and Delegates of Union church with J. L. Beach and W. H. H. Hartley. To nominate an Executive Committee, J. O. Fulbright, J. G. Benfield, J. L. Beach.

Committee on devotion report John Crisp to conduct devotional exercises tomorrow morning and J. O. Fulbright to preach at 11 o'clock. On motion of E. D. Crisp, the body agreed to meet at 9:30 for devotion, at 10 for business, adjourn at 11:30 to hear sermon, take a recess for one hour, meet at 1:30 for business, and adjourn at will. J. M. Shaver was appointed to write report on Home Missions instead of S. B. McCall, who was absent. J. C. Sherrill to write report on Temperance instead of V. H. Beach. On motion take a recess until tomorrow morning at 9:30.

Benediction by J. G. Benfield.

FRIDAY

MORNING SESSION

Met at 9:30. Devotional exercises by John Crisp.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Seats were accepted by visiting Brethren, Jno. Crisp, of Three Fork and A. Johnson, of Charity and Children. The Committee on Order of Business reports, which was received and placed in hands of Moderator for his guidance.

Report on Home Missions read and adopted. Remarks by E. D. Crisp, A. Johnson, and the following pledges were taken:

Antioch\$10.00	Lenoir 1st\$50.00
Buffalo Cove 1.00	Lenoir 2nd 3.00
Bethany 1.00	Lovelady 1.00
Bethel 3.00	Mountain Grove 2.00
Blair's Fork 2 00	Mulberry 1.00
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A STATEMENT ABOUT HOME MISSIONS.

Last year more than 30,000 Baptists were reported by

missionaries supported wholly or in part by our Home Mission Board, and more than 56,000 additions to Baptist churches. Matchless as is this record, equally promising for the future, though less adapted to being shown in figures was the development and efficiency work accomplished through the Mission School and Enlistment activities of the Board.

In 1880 the population of the South was 18,000,000. Of the 33,000,000 here today, 22,000,000 make no profession of religion. If we count off 4,000,000 who, from infancy or other causes, are irresponsible, there are still in the South today a mighty host of unsaved people equal in number to the entire population in 1880.

Evangelistic effort is still more successful in the Southern Baptist Convention territory than in any other part of the country, but it is steadily becoming more difficult in our territory to win people to Christ, or to hold those who have been won to lives of service without a program for training and strengthening the life which has been implanted. This has its cause in the changing conditions of life in our day. Machinery, transportation tand intercommunication have largely broken up the old conditions of localism, independence and community spirit. Old habits and ideals are being swept away and even the churches of Christ must adjust themselves to the change and learn how to make spiritual and to direct the new life, or else lose their leadership and power. These changes cry out to us for a heroic and statesmanlike Home Mission program.

The South is the last great stronghold and hope of the religion of the open Bible, and both from their peculiar doctrines and their numbers, Baptists have the greatest opportunity and obligation to hold this great section for Jesus Christ and make it a center from which shall go out mighty forces of world redemption.

Through ten separate special Departments the Home Mission Board seeks to further the Kingdom of our Lord in the South. We recommend:

1. That our churches be encouraged to make a larger

use of the splendid free Home Mission tracts issued by the Home Board, and to form study classes in the Board's new book, "Baptist Home Missions."

- 2. That clubs of subscribers be gotten in the churches for THE HOME FIELD. It is an exceedingly distressing and unworthy situation that only one Baptist preacher in five in the South gets this splendid magazine.
- 3. We recommend that prayer be made in our churches for this great cause and for the saving and holding of the South for our Lord Jesus Christ and that preachers be requested to preach frequently on Home Mission subjects.

The address of the Home Mission Board is 1004 Healey Building, Atlanta, Georgia. Literature should be ordered from the Publicity Department.

Report on Orphanage was read, and pending motion to adopt, remarks by J. G. Benfield and A. Johnson, and pledges taken as follows:

Antioch	\$15.00	Lower Creek	\$15.00
Buffalo Cove	2.00	Lenoir 1st	50.00
Bethany	2.00	Lenoir 2nd	5.00
Bethel	3.00	Lovelady	2.00
Blair's Fork	3.00	Mt. Zion	5.00
Conway's Chapel	5.00	Mountain Grove	5.00
Center Grove	2.50	Mulberry	2.00
Dudley Shoals	8.50	Poovey's Grove	1.00
Fleming's Chapel	3.00	Pisgah	5.00
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Grandin Harris Chapel	1.00	Union	10.00
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Report adopted.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

On Nov. 11, 1885, the first child was received at Thomasville. Up to June 15, 1914, 1,516 children had been enrolled. At that time there were present 423. Some have been received since then.

On the Kennedy Memorial Home in Lenoir County two splendid buildings have been completed. The first children were received there June 5th, 1914.

The "Larger Orphanage" is prepared to care for about 500 children. This additional equipment has not cost the Baptists of North Carolina a single dollar. The new building, as all other buildings at the orphanage, stand as monuments to individuals. God has moved upon the hearts of a few rich, in the world's goods, to equip this great institution. But the funds for the support and maintenance of children must come from the rank and file of the denomination. Nearly one third of the Baptist Sunday schools in the State give a monthly collection to the Orphanage, and this amounts to about 40 per cent. of the current fund. If every Sunday school would give a monthly collection, the matter of bread and meat would be settled.

We rejoice in the splendid training the children receive at Thomasville. One half of the day is spent in school and the other half in some industrial training. Thus the Orphanage seeks to prepare the children to fill useful and honorable positions in life. But the greatest work of the institution is in surrounding the children with a moral atmosphere, and instructing them in spiritual things. During the last year the pastor baptized about 79 of the children. They receive training in the various lines of our Christian activity, and when they leave the Orphanage they go out to brighten and bless the world, and to help bring the kingdom of our Lord in all the earth.

Since the Orphanage has assumed larger proportions, and the cost of living increased, we urge:

- 1. That every Sunday school take a monthly collection for current expenses.
- 2. That every church increase its offerings to the Orphanage at least 25 per cent.

We recommend that the Sunday schools take Charity and Children on the club plan.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. BEACH, J. G. BENFIELD, Committee.

Special order having arrived, J. O. Fulbright preached from Exodus 10: 26, "There shall not an hoof be left behind," after which a collection was taken for the Orphanage, amounting to \$16.61, and turned over to Brother Johnson, and the body takes a recess for one hour.

EVENING SESSION

Met as per adjournment. Prayer by J. G. Benfield. At this point, Grandin, a newly constituted church, petition for membership in the body and was received and delegates seated.

Report on Temperance was then read, and pending adoption, remarks were made by J. C. Sherrill, M. N. Harshaw and others.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The people of North Carolina are to be congratulated upon the splendid work of the Temperance forces within the State. Everywhere within our borders a healthier sentiment for abstenance is being created by the fact that in all business enterprises, where efficiency is demanded, the users of alcoholic drinks is undesired and unemployed.

That liquor is an unnecessary expense and is, in addition responsible for much hardship and suffering on the part of wives and children goes without argument. It degrades those in high places as well as low, and disgraces all alike who yend, produce or use it. It destroys the usefulness of any man who in any way befriends it. Liquor is the friend of the gambler, the thief, and murderer. Liquor has been

termed "The Great Destroyer." It destroys character and reputation. It destroys homes and fortunes. It fosters poverty and is the companion of misery.

Virginia, North Carolina, Maine, Tennessee, West Vir-

ginia and North Dakota, have state wide prohibition.

In Virginia, Missouri and other states, elections are soon to be held which will, it is hoped, rid these states of this disgraceful traffic, which has so long brought shame upon their citizenship as well as a menace to the prohibition states.

It is only a question of time until the federal government will pass a law which will forever stop the shipment of alcoholic liquors into dry states.

Rapid strides are being made by the forces of the great Temperance army. The monster of intemperance is staggering under the weight of the blows he has received. He is wounded but not dead. The forces are gathering for the final blow. Let us work and pray that it may soon come.

J. CASWELL SHERRILL.

Report on Biblical Recorder was read, and pending adoption, remarks by M. N. Harshaw, W. R. Beach and others.

Report adopted.

BIBLICAL RECORDER REPORT.

This is preeminently a reading age. The boy and girl of ten years of age reads as much as a man or woman of a decade ago. Literature can be found in any alley, street or road. Much of this literature is poisonous and injurious to the old as well as the young. It behooves us, therefore, to see what kind of literature comes into our homes and around our firesides. For the Baptist hosts of North Carolina the Biblical Recorder stands first, it ought to be in every Baptist home. It was never more useful than today. It has always been a beacon light for the Baptist Brotherhood of the State, pointing the way truly, safely and unerringly to greater and better things. It was never better than today. Charity and Children is a great paper for the orphanage work in North Carolina. It speaks in no uncertain sound

and impresses upon each of us the duty that we owe to the orphans. Its editorials are the very best, and the paper should be taken by all our people. There are many other good and substantial religious papers published all over the country by our denomination, but we especially commend the Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children to our Baptist hosts.

By the Committee,

E. D. CRISP, M. N. HARSHAW.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Committee to nominate an executive committee recommend the re-election of the present committee, to-wit: F. P. Moore, J. L. Beach, Joe Powell, Y. P. Moore.

Committee on time, place, and preacher, report: Time, Thursday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1915. Place, Sardis church, Hudson, N. C. Preacher, J. G. Benfield, with E. D. Crisp, alternate.

Appoint the following delegates: To Baptist State Convention; J. O. Fulbright, I. W. Thomas, J. A. Raby. To Southern Baptist Convention: J. O. Fulbright, with J. G. Benfield alternate.

Elect Y. D. Moore member of State Mission Board. J. O. Fulbright, member Foreign Mission Board. J. G. Benfield, member of Home Mission Board.

On motion the Executive be instructed to formulate plans and submit to the churches as to when they should contribute to the various objects of the Convention.

Committee on Devotion report E. D. Crisp to conduct Devotional Exercises tomorrow morning. Adjourned.

Benediction by J. O. Fulbright.

SATURDAY

MORNING SESSION

Devotional exercises conducted by E. D. Crisp.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Roll of delegates called and absentees marked. R port

on Foreign Mission was then read, and pending adoption remarks by J. O. Fulbright and W. R. Beach, and the following pledges were taken:

Antioch \$15 00	Lovelady \$1.00
Buffalo Cove 1.00	Mt. Zion 2.50
Bethel 2.00	Mountain Grove 5.00
Bethany 1.00	Poovey's Grove 1.00
Blair's Fork 3 00	Pisgah 5.00
Conway's Chapel 5 00	Piney Grove 2.00
Center Grove 1.00	Rhodhiss 5.00
Corcord 2.60	Rocky Springs 12.00
Granite Falls 10.00	Sardis 10.00
Kings Creek 10.00	Union
Lower Creek 30.00	
Lenoir 1st 75.00	Whitnel 4.00
Lenoir 2nd 2.00	Grandin 5.00

Report adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission Board is located at Richmond, Va., and is composed of nineteen local members and eighteen members at large, representing each State in co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Board conducts work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Ar-

gentina, Japan, China and Africa.

In these countries we have 380 churches with 833 outstations, 30,000 church members and 542 Sunday Schools with 22,000 scholars enrolled. We have also 9,376 students in mission schools, 420 of whom are in theological seminaries and training schools seeking specific preparation for Christian work.

The present force of workers embraces just 300, of which number 20 are under appointment, but have not yet sailed for their respective fields of labor. In addition to these home-sent missionaries we have on the combined fields 635 native workers.

The work prospers on nearly all the fields; 5,252 converts were baptized last year, the largest number ever re-

ported for a single year. Conditions at this hour give promise of still more abundant fruits, if we take advantage

of the opportunities opening to us everywhere.

But our successes and our opportunities have laid responsibilities upon us and make insistent demands of us which we cannot ignore without turning much of our success into failure, and throwing away our God given opportunity for still larger achievements. Multitudes have been made ready for the Word of Lie; thousands are awaiting training in the Christian life and for Christian service; our schools are overflowing; a score of conscerated young men and women are offering themselves to the Board for the needed work; and untouched fields invite us to harvest. Need and opportunity never combined in such a challenge to Southern Baptists. Nothing less than immediate and immense enlargement can answer this challenge, and set us in place of great honor, usefulness, and advantage for our gospel.

Gifts to the work advanced \$44,000 last year over the

previous year.

Our task for the present year includes (1) The completion of the Judson Fund; (2) The enlistment of more than one half of our church members who have not yet given anything for Foreign Missions; (3) The development of present givers into larger giving; (4) The inauguration in each church of a plan of systematic monthly giving and remitting for this cause, so that the work may be taken care of and debt and interest payments may be avoided. We commend these four objects to the thoughtful consideration of our pastors and churches.

In order to increase intelligence concerning this great work of the denomination, and to enable all our people to work together harmoniously toward the same end, we recommend and urge that the Foreign Mission Journal be taken and read by every Baptist family within our bounds; and to secure so desirable an end, we suggest that each pastor in the Association appoint a committee in each church of which he is pastor, to canvass the membership with this object in view. All our people ought to be well informed about a work so great as this of giving the gospel to the lost nations, and the Journal is the publication which the

denomination uses to give this information.

Report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted and discussion deferred until tomorrow morning.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School work is being pressed now in our State as never before, and there is great need for it, when we think of the many thousands of our own members who do not attend Sunday School, to say nothing of the great mass of non-church members. To have a Sunday School in every church, kept open twelve months in the year, enrolling every available member is the aim. We greatly need trained teachers in our Sunday School work, and we are glad to see improvement along this line.

R. H. PIPES, Y. D. MOORE, Committee.

Visiting brethren J. A. Rector and George Bumgarner from the Catawba River and Alexander Association accept seats with us.

By request of the Body Mrs. J. A. Boldin read report on Woman's Work.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, CALD-WELL ASSOCIATION, 1913-1914

The progress of our work for the first year has, necessarily, been slow. We realize that this is the time of Missionary seed-sowing in the Caldwell Association, but we believe that the seed is falling upon good ground, (being Baptist soil) and that in due season, it will bring forth an abundant harvest.

All of the Societies, reported a year ago, have worked faithfully throughout the year and have shown a marked increase in membership, in gifts, in spirituality, and in personal service; and are planning, under Divine guidance and blessing, for still greater things during the coming year.

Only three new societies have been organized, but at every place to which the Vice President has been invited to

meet and talk with the women they have seemed not only interested but anxious "to know, to love, and to serve."

It is the honest conviction of many, that if our churches are ever developed into really strong Missionary Baptist churches, it must be brought about, largely, through the mothers, and by teaching the children and training the young people along missionary lines. This is the distinctive work of the Woman's Missionary Union, but it works only through the churches and in co operation with the pastors; hence, the advancement of our "Woman's Work," in this Association, depends in a great measure upon the pastors and laymen, and we bespeak their careful and prayerful conconsideration.

We thank the Association, as a body, for the interest manifested in our work, and, as the little child in the home depends upon the parents for nourishment and support, so we, the child of your adoption, just entering, with uncertain steps, upon our second year, extend our hands to you for continued encouragement, support and prayer, in our every effort to enlist all of our Baptist women, and to make the men and women of the coming generation, strong in knowledge, in faith, and in love for our Christ and the lost of earth.

FINANCIAL REPORT W. M. U.

	No. M	EM EX FUN	D. STATE N	I. HOME N	For M	L. T. S.	TOTAL
W.M.S. Lenoir 1st C.	22	\$2.10	\$10.00	\$17.10	\$37 80	\$6.00 \$6	5.00
Y.W.A. " " "	12				7.75	1 00	8 75
R.A.C. " " "	20		1 22	.70	205		3.97
Sunbeam B " "	29		1.75	4.15	6 70	1	260
W. M. S Lower C, C.	32	1.45	7 70	10.75	19.10	6.00 ± 4	5.00
W.M.S. Granite Falls	15	30,03		4.20	5 18	. 3	9 41
W.M.S. Grandin B. C.	11		.60			2.15	2.75
W.M.S. Wilson's C.	14	just org	ganized				
W.M.S. Rocky S. C.	10	"	4.4				
Total reported	165	35.58	21.27	36,90	68.58	15.15.17	7 48

New Societies organized 3.

Meetings conducted or assisted in 27.

Letters and postals written 80.

Miles traveled in interest of Mission 606.

Mite Boxes distributed 150.
Tracts distributed 500

About seventy mission periodicals are being taken in Societies.

MRS. J. A. BOLDIN.

Vice-Pres. W. M. U. Caldwell Association.

Pending adoption remarks were made by Moderator, and upon motion of J. O. Fulbright the Woman's Work be made an object of this Association upon which reports will be made and discussed by the body.

Report on Education read and adopted. Discussion deferred.

We, your committee on Education, want to impress, if possible, upon the minds of our people the importance of educating their children. We have many advantages against which others have had to contend. We would urge the brethren to educate their children in order to prepare them for their work, and the stern realities of lite with which they will have to contend with in this present and future advancement of the ages. And we would especially urge our young ministers to prepare themselves for the great work to which they have been called.

J. A. RABY, H. M. BEACH, Committee.

The treasurer of the trustees of Lenoir Academy made the following report:

FINANCIAL REPORT LENOIR ACADEMY.

RECEIPTS

Amount of rent collected	
Amount of interest collected	9.75
DISBURSEMENTS	
Dec. 16 paid I. M. Harris	\$50.00
June 10 paid insurance	25.00
Amount cash in bank	\$405.99

VICTOR H. BEACH,
Treasurer for Board.

On motion it is ordered that the Treasurer first submit

his report to the Executive Committee then to the Association.

Devotional Committee report J. A. Rector to conduct devotional services to morrow morning, and I. W. Thomas to preach at 11 o'clock. The association then takes a recess till 2 p. m.

Met as per adjournment. Prayer by F. P. Coffey. Report on Ministerial relief was read and adopted. Remarks by I. M. Hawkins and E. D. Crisp, and upon motion of W. H. H. Hartley the Association asks all the churches to take a collection for the above named object, and send to the Board before the 25th of December.

Your committee on Ministerial Relief begs to submit this

report:

The object of this phase of our work is to lend a helping hand to those who have spent their lives in zealous service of the Master's Kingdom among us. These worthy servants may be rightly termed Soldiers of the Cross. It is with pride that the State and Nation makes every provision for the old soldier, who has spent his life in defense of his country, may we not pause to say that the church of Jesus Christ should cheerfully provide for those in her ranks who have consecrated their lives in a still greater and more far reaching service. We therefore commend this worthy cause to your prayerful consideration.

Report on Pastoral Support was read and discussed by Crisp, Bumgarner, Rhyne, Hawkins, and others. Report adopted.

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

We believe the Scriptures teach that ministers of the Gospel should be supported by the churches they serve as pastor. Even so bath the Lord ordained that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. Let the elders that rule be counted worthy of double honors, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine. The laborer is worthy of his reward. We therefore urge that the church pay to their pastors better salaries and endeavor to get a contribution from each and every member of their churches, teach-

ing them that it is more blessed to give than receive. And pastors must be paid better that they may be better prepared to give to their flocks the pure, sincere word of God. Brethren rally to your pastor and hold up their hands.

W. H. H. HARTLEY, Chairman.

Finance Committee make the following report which was received, and the Association earnestly request all the churches to send all money raised during the next associational year to the treasurers of the various boards, and send nothing to Association but Minute Fund.

Committee on Finance report as follows:		
Received for State Missions	\$	14.56
Home Missions		12.93
Foreign Missions		14 47
Orphanage		40.60
Minutes and Clerk		36.66
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Total	\$1	19.22

Treasurer's report received (See Minutes of last Association) and the treasurer of the trustees of Lenoir Academy ordered to pay the indebtedness on Minutes of last year (See Minutes of last year.)

On motion the clerk was authorized to abridge any matter that he may think best.

By motion the clerk was allowed \$10.00 for his services and the printing and distributing Minutes be referred to the Executive Committee.

Committee on digest of church letters submit the following report:

DIGEST OF CHURCHES

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report, viz:

We find that there are now 39 churches in our Association; all being represented at this session except Mulberry. The letters show 264 baptisms, an increase of 63, and a to-

tal membership of 3822, an increase of 242. The contributions for State Missions amounts to \$112.62, an increase of \$16.19. For Home Missions \$116.09, a decrease of \$8.78. For Foreign Missions \$352.53, an increase of \$75.50. For Orphanage \$207.31, an increase of \$6.47. For Ministerial Education \$11.36, a decrease of \$1.05. For Ministerial Relief \$32 60, an increase of \$14 31 over last year. There was contributed during the year for Pastor's Salary \$3,604.89, a decrease of \$177,00. There has been contributed for all objects this year \$8,434.22, a decrease from last year of \$522 76. We find that the pastor's salaries range from \$14 to \$1,200. Twelve of the thirty eight churches paid their pastors less than \$50, while the churches average less than \$100. Twenty-nine churches contributed to the Orphanage, while only four contributed to Ministerial Education, and only eleven to Ministerial Relief. Two churches reported nothing at all contributed to any of the objects of the State convention.

J. C. SHERRILL, H. M. BEACH, Committee.

Upon motion the body orders the treasurer of the trustees of Lenoir Academy to pay M. I. Harris \$75.00.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Foreign Missions.—R. H. Pipes, J. G. Benfield. Home Missions.—Y. D. Moore, J. W. Whisnant. State Missions.—J. O. Fulbright, W. T. Beach. Sunday Schools.—Joe Powell, Columbus Andrews. Ministerial Relief.—J. L. Beach, J. R. Swanson. Orphanage.—W. H. H. Hartley, J. A. Raby. Pastoral Support.—E. D. Crisp, M. G. Cloer. Education.—M. N. Harshaw, J. M. Shaver. Biblical Recorder.—I. M. Hawkins, H. M Beach. Temperance.—J. H. Johnson, J. W. C. McCall. State of Churches.—J. A. Boldin, J. C. Sherrill. Women's Work—J. O. Fulbright, V. H. Beach.

RESOLUTIONS.

We, your committee on resolutions, submit the following report:

Resolved, First that the thanks of this Association are due and heartily tendered to our Moderator and Clerk for their very efficient and faithful services during this Association.

Second, That we most heartily tender our sincere thanks to the good people of Union church and community for their generous hospitality during our stay among them.

W. H. H. HARTLEY, M. C. ESTES, Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Lenoir, N. C., Sept. 22, 1914.

We, the Executive Committee for Caldwell County Baptist Association, make the following report: As requested by our committee the State board assisted at the following points in the bounds of our Association: Whitnel, Second Baptist church, Lenoir; Grandin and Blair's Fork, and so far as we know these churches are prospering under the care of their faithful pastors, and we recommend that the work be continued and the financial aid be given.

We are pleased to note that the members of Sardis church have recently erected a large and excellent house of

worship, costing about \$2,000.

We are rejoiced to state that many churches in our Association have been greatly blest with the Lord's gracious presence during the past year, including Globe, Green Valley, Rocky Springs, Lower Creek and Sardis. May the blessings of the Great Head of the church rest upon all the churches in our bounds and elsewhere.

JOE POWELL, Chm. Ex. Com. F P. MOORE, Secretary. Y. D. MOORE.

GOSPEL MISSION REPORT.

I have received \$174.72 for Gospel Missions since our

last Association. Brethren what we do must be done soon. "The coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

F. P. MOORE, Treas, G. M.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT.

Union church with which the thirteenth session of the Caldwell Association was held, was organized June 2, 1814 by William Dodson, John Carlton and Moses Stanbery, acting presbytery, which was 100 years ago last June. William Datson (or Dodson) was elected pastor, James Critchlow, clerk. Since then the following have served as pastors and clerks, to-wit: Benjamin Beach, William Swanson, William Holder, Cornelius Livingston, Smith Ferguson, Wm. Go-forth, J. Watts, James Reid, Huston Holtsclaw, George Swaim, John Bryan, David Austin, John B. Powell, Jacob Crouch, Wm. Pool, J. H. West, J. T. Shell, Isaac Oxford, J. B. Pool, W. A. Pool and J. M. Shaver, the present pastor, who has served the church for about twenty five years in succession. The following have served as church clerks: James Critchlow, Henry Payne, Sim Harrington, Wm. Shell, A. B. Oxford, David Downs, Chas Downs, J. Wilson West and E. P. McCrary, who is the present clerk. The Caldwell Association met with this church in 1900.

The Association adjourned to time and place of next meeting.

Benediction by C. A. Rhyne. This ended the thirtieth session of the Caldwell Association.

J. R. SWANSON, Clerk.

Sunday School mass meeting conducted by J. L. Beach, after which I. W. Thomas preached from Ephesians 4:30. Took a collection for State Missions amounting to \$10.75.

LICENTIATES.

J. C. Clarke -		-		-		-		Route 3,	Lenoir, N	. C.
W. B. Bryant	-		=		-		-		Finley,	"
L. L. Nichols		-		-					6.6	"
Fred Livingston	-		-		-		-		Patterson,	"
W. H. H. Hartle	у	-		-		-			Hudson	, "
M. I. Harris	-		-		-		-		Maiden	, 16

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Joe Powell Lenoir, N. C.
J. L. Beach
Y. D. Moore - · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
F. P. Moore
OFFICERS.
I. W. Thomas, Moderator Lenoir, N. C.
J. R. Swanson, Clerk and Treasurer - R 1 " "
LIST OF ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS OF
THE CALDWELL ASSOCIATION.
J. M. Harris Morganton, N. C.
J. S. Gwaltney " " "
T. S. Robbins Buffalo Cove, "
L. C. King Lenoir, R. 5 "
T. L. Blalock Shan Tung, China
D. L. Miller - Hudson, N. C.
J. G. Benfield Morganton, R. 2 "
J. O. Fulbright · . · · Lenoir, N. C.
I. W. Thomas
E. D. Crisp
J. R. J. Annas · · · · Saw Mills, "
L. M. Annas
P. H Icenhour
J. H. Nelson Patterson, "
S. B. McCall Adako, "
J. K. Fox Hudson, "
J. B. Phillips " " "
J. L. Phillips Mortimer, "
R. A. Branch
D. O. Ray

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Antioch—C. H. Smith, Grey Whisnant.

Bethany-T. C. Curtis, W. B. Bryant.

Bethel-Thurman Whisnant, Junius Cannon.

Buffalo Cove-R. H. Pipes, A. M. Church.

Blair's Fork—M. J. Beach, W. L. Holsclaw.

Concord-J. F. Richards, Larkin Travis.

Center Grove-A. P. Harris, A. S. Bumgarner.

Conway's Chapel-June Braswell, Finley Reichard.

Dudley Shoals-F. G. Bowman, J. B. Sigman.

Green Valley—M. C. Estes.

Globe-J. B. Moore.

Green Rock-Francis Hawkins.

Gravite Falls-J. E. Fisher, C. M. Harrison.

Grandin-T. A. Andrews, D. S. Barlow.

Harris' Chapel-George E. Smith.

King's Creek.—J. S. Haas, J. L. Beach, G. H. Kirby, H. H. Pennell, C. W. Pennell.

Lower Creek—J. R. Swanson, J. A. Raby, J. F. Steele, John L. Austin, J. C. Haas, J. R. Barlow.

Lenoir 1st—Y. D. Moore, M. N. Harshaw, T. H. Broyhill, Wilson Teeters.

Lenoir 2nd-D. A. Griffin.

Lovelady-H. H. Bumgarner, B. F. Beach.

Nelson's Chapel—By letter only.

Poovey's Grove—W. P. Keller, T. R. Tucker, Swan Helton.

Piney Grove-T. H. Annas, I. M. Hawkins, W. A. Walker.

Pisgah-Noah Austin, Chas. Pope.

Rhodhiss-W. R. Beach.

Rocky Springs-Joseph Marler.

Sardis—Ransom Barber, Wm. Crouch, J. B. Barber, Z. V. Johnson, A. L. Fox.

Union Grove-J. O. Smith, J. L. Smith.

Union-S. H. Oxford, J. C. Sherrill, Wm. Haas, Henry Haas.

Mountain Grove-By letter.

Mt. Zion-J. C. Barker.

Winkler's Grove.-W. H. Winkler, W. A. Lowman.

Whitnel-J. K. Barber, J. H. Johnson.

Wilson's Creek-R. A. Branch, Mc. Bentley.

Yadkin Valley-M. Carter, Hamilton Day.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Yadkin	Windson's Creek	Whitnel	Union Grove	Union	Sardis	Rhodhiss	Rocky Springs	Pisgah	Piney Grove	Poovey's Grove	Nelson's Chapel	-	Mount Zion	Mountain Grove	Lovelady	Lenoir 2nd	Lenoir 1st	Lower Creek	Kings Creek	Johns River	Harris Chapel	Grandin	Green Rock	Globe	Green Valley	Granite Falls	Fleming's Chap.	Dudley Shoals	Conway's Chap'i	Concord	Clark's Chapel	Center Grove	Bethel	Buffalo Cove	Bethany	Blair's Fork	Antioch	Churches		
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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF CALD-

WELL ASSOCIATION.

The second regular session of The W. M. U. of Caldwell Association, met with Union church September 26th, 1914, with Mrs. J. A. Boldin presiding, and Mrs. B. H. Dula, secretary.

Since no convenient place could be arranged for the "Woman's Meeting," the General Association very kindly adjourned for one hour, allowing us the use of the church; hence, the program was necessarily much condensed and the session very hurried throughout.

Miss Cora Greer, president of W. M. S, Grandin, conducted devotional exercises, using the 91st Psalm and closing with a chain prayer led by Mrs. Boldin; for our beloved president, Miss Heck, and for our work in this Association.

The roll of churches was called and representatives from the following were recognized: Dudley Shoals 2, Granite Falls 1, Kings Creek 4, Lower Creek 11, Lenoir 1st 7, Union 19, Grandin 2, Rhodhiss 1. Visitors recognized were Miss Miriam Schell, Asheville, Buncombe Association; Mis. S. E. Babcock, Chester, S. C., Chester Association. Also women of other denominations were recognized and welcomed.

The roll of societies was called and reports read by the following delegates: Mrs. Y. D. Moore for W. M. S. Lenoir 1st church, Miss Ruth Dewey for Y. W. A., Lenoir 1st., Mrs. W. S. Covington for R. A. Chapter and Sunbeam Band, Lenoir 1st. Mrs. Hill Swanson for W. M. S. Lower Creek. Miss Cora Greer for W. M. S. Grandin. The report for W. M. S. Granite Falls had been previously forwarded to vice-president. A new W. M. S. at Rhodhiss was reported by Mrs. W. R. Beach, who also reported the organization of a Sunbeam Band at Rhodhiss. We are so glad to know about these new Societies and trust that many more may be organized during the coming year.

Upon request of the body, the president named a nominating committee of five as follows: Mrs. W. S. Covington, Miss Clara Greer, Mrs. Hill Swanson, Mrs. W. R. Beach, Mrs. Turnmire.

Miss Schell was requested to preside during the elec-

tion of officers. The committee recommended the re-election of present officers. Upon motion and second this report was adopted by acclamation. Mrs. Boldín resumed the chair with a few words of appreciation and an earnest request for the personal help and support of every woman present, in our work for the coming year.

Miss Schell, whose presence and help was such an inspiration, spoke of our W. M. U. Training School (located at Louisville, Ky.) so impressively that all who heard her were more grateful than ever before for this School and longed to do more for its support. We thank God for these noble young women who have given their lives to Him and may we all say, "They shall not be shut out" of this training school.

A most helpful paper, on Junior Work, by Mrs. W. S. Covington, was enjoyed and appreciated.

A tew plans were discussed very hurriedly (owing to lack of time) and it was decided that we take as our financial aim for 1914-1915, \$200 for Missions; and that we strive for the organization of at least twelve new societies as follows: W. M. S. 6, Y. W. A. 2, R. A. Chapters 2, Sunbeam Bands 2.

Our president requests that, in all of the societies, a special effort be made to place one or more Mission periodicals in every home; and to enlist every woman (in the church) in the work of the missionary society. That more time be given to "personal service" and that all of the societies unite in special prayer for our work in this Association.

After prayer by Mrs. Babcock, the Union adjourned to meet with Sardis church, Hudson, N. C., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1915.

We thank the Associational Body, and Union church, for their kind reception and the many courtesies extended to us in our efforts to advance the Master's Kingdom.

MRS. J. A. BOLDIN, President. MRS. B. H. DULA, Secretary.

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Compiled by J. R. SWANSON, Clerk

Next session to be held with Wilson's Creek church, Mortimer, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1916. J. M. Shaver to preach annual sermon; I. W. Thomas, alternate. Taylor, W. S. Cook, G. E. Poovey and M. J. Beach.

By motion it is agreed to meet at 9:30 for devotion; at 10 for business; adjourn at 10:30 to hear sermon; take a recess at close of sermon; resume business at 1:30; and adjourn at pressite.

By motion, Temperance Report be read and discussed tonight after sermon, and Orphanage Report be discussed tomorrow morning at 10:30. On motion, the names of Moderator and Clerk hereafter be added to the Executive Committee as members, ex officio. The following brethren were appointed to nominate an executive committee: Y. D. Moore, G. A. McCall, E. P. McRary and J. A. Raby.

Adjourned to 7:30 tonight. Benediction by Moderator.

NIGHT SESSION

Met as per adjournment. Introductory by J. G. Benfield from Acts 2:44. After which the body was called to order by Vice Moderator Crisp, and the following report on Temperance was offered, and pending adoption, remarks were made by J. W. C. McCall, A. M. Mast, A. Johnson, J. S. Franklin. Report adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

"There are few subjects, if any, that should engage the special attention of our Christian America more than that of Temperance. When we think of the hardship and suffering that intemperance brings upon women and children, and the disgrace it brings upon the drinker, whether in high places or low, it certainly does look like every Christian should use every means in his or her power to induce the people to put alcohol under foot. The enormous expenditure of money that goes into the hands of those who manufacture the accursed stuff that so quickly inflames the brain and changes a good temper into a bad one, is simply astounding. Listen! Something over two and a half billion dollars are spent annually for stimulating drinks!

"We are glad to note that the time has come when any-

one applying for a position of honor or responsibility, his character as to temperance is one of the first things that is looked after. Now, liquor is not the only broad-cast curse of our country. Opium is a great evil and brings many to an untimely grave, but tobacco in its various forms is much worse. To speak of smoking alone, it causes nervousness, impairs the hearing, renders one in bad physical condition. makes slow thinkers, and often causes one to fail in getting promotion: that is, smoking cigarettes causes ninety five out of every hundred to fail to graduate. And in addition to the above evils of smoking, it is a great waste. If the boxes used to hold the cigarettes that are sold in the United States in one year were piled together, they would make a monument four times as large as the Washington monument; and if they were piled in the shape of Cleop's pyramid in Egypt, six such pyramids would be formed which, would cover a thirteen-acre farm and be 460 feet high; and if the cigarettes produced in the United States last year were strung together they would make a line 786,313 miles long, which could be wound around the earth more than 31 times.

"Last year there went up in smoke \$1,500,000,000. Should not Christians discourage such a waste?

"Thomas A. Edison is authority for the statement that acrolein is one of the most terrible drugs in its effects on the human body; and yet the burning of ordinary cigarette pa-

per produces acrolein.

"Now, brethren, following the above named evils in their various forms is one of the weights that hinders the Christian from running the race successfully. May God help us to be honest with ourselves and earnest enough as Christians to lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset, that we may have a good influence over others.

Your committee,

J. H. Johnson. "

Committee on Devotion report. D.O. Ray to conduct devotional exercises and B. W. N. Simms to preach at 11:30. Benediction by B. W. N. Simms.

Friday Morning Session.

Met as per adjournment. Devotional exercises conducted by D. O. Ray, and the following delegates were appointed: To Baptist State Convention, J. G. Benfield, I. W. Thomas, S. B. McCall; Southern Baptist Convention, I. W. Thomas, with J. G. Benfield alternate. Also Y. D. Moore was appointed member State Mission Board; J. G. Benfield, Foreign Mission Board; and B. W. N. Simms member of the Home Mission Board.

Report on Orphanage was then read, and pending its adoption, remarks were made by A. Johnson and M. N. Harshaw. Time of special order having arrived, adjourned to hear sermon by B. W. N. Simms, from Luke 19:34-35, after which a collection was taken amounting to \$11.38. Benediction by D. O. Ray.

EVENING SESSION.

The Orphanage Report was further discussed by E. D. Crisp and others, and the following pledges were taken:

Antioch	\$15	Lenoir, 1st	\$50
Blair's Fork	10	Lenoir, 2nd	5
Bethel	5	Lovelady	5
Center Grove	3	Mt. Zion	10
Clark's Chapel	5	Mountain Grove	5
Concord	2	Nelson's Chapel	5
Conway's Chapel	10	Poovey's Grove	2
Dudley Shoals	5	Piney Grove	3
Flemings Chapel	3	Pisgah	5
Granite Falls	10	Rocky Springs	5
Green Valley	10	Rhodhiss	5
Grandin	10	Sardis	15
Harris' Chapel	3	Union	15
John's River	5	Whitnel	10
King's Creek	10	Wilson's Creek	25
Lower Creek	15	Yadkin	2

Report adopted.

ORPHANAGE REPORT.

"Love for the Orphanage among our brethren is intense but not universal. The great need is to lay upon the hearts of every church and Sunday School the orphanage obligation. If this consummation is ever reached, the problem for ample support for the institution will be solved. Owing to the large advance that has been made within the past year, the Orphanage is heavily in debt. This brings the unpleasant necessity of making a large outlay for interest on borrowed money, which goes to banks instead of to the children. ought not so to be. We are abundantly able to pay every dollar the institution owes this year-and if able, we ought to be willing. It is proposed to our people that the income of one day be sacredly set aside at or near Thanksgiving day and devoted to the Orphanage. We earnestly urge every member of the churches of this Association to join this workday movement and give the proceeds of one day's labor to the Orphanage. We may do more, but we should not do less. Only about one-third of our Baptist Sunday Schools are enrolled among the loyal band of monthly givers. Every Sunday School ought to take "Charity and Children". The paper is the right arm of the institution, and aside from the information and inspiration it furnishes, it produces a good dividend for the support of the Orphanage. During its thirty years of continued growth the institution has sheltered and trained over 1600 boys and girls who are now out in the state as teachers, preachers, doctors, printers, farmers, business men and fathers and mothers of happy homes. There are nine in various colleges and about a dozen in the denominational schools. The present number is 500-450 at Thomasville and 50 at Kennedy Home with an average cost of \$113.28 per child, or 31 cents the day, aggregating an annual cost of \$56,640.00. Our Orphanage has been enlarged, and still the task looms before us just begun. We urge every member of this Association to regard the Orphanage in larger

terms as an opportunity unparalleled. Your committee recommend: 1st, A liberal Thanksgiving offering emphasizing the importance of work day, giving not less than one day's labor or income to the orphanage. 2nd, That every Sunday School will sacredly set apart the collection of one Sunday in each month for the support of the Orphanage. 3rd, That every Sunday School take a club of "Charity and Children".

W. H. H. HARTLEY, J. A. RABY, Committee."

Report on Education was read, and pending adoption, remarks were made by M. N. Harshaw, B. F. Williams, J. M. Shaver and B. W. N Simms. Report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

"The necessity of education is not a debatable question. The ways and means of securing the education of our children is an important problem. Education is knowledge, knowledge is power, power is influence, most people crave all of these, and the only way to acquire these three coveted positions in life is to give the mind a careful training while it is growing and forming. For a long time our state was classed as one of the illiterate states of the Union, but we should be proud of the fact that at last our citizenship all over the state has begun to wake up to the important matter of the education of our children. We as Baptists owe it to our denomination to see that our young ministers, who are to take the place of our older preachers, are given an opportunity to fit themselves for their great calling in life, to see that they secure such advantages and training that will make them the most capable to fulfill their high calling. We have two schools in North Carolina that are the pride of the Baptists, and are doing a great work in preparing our young ministers

and women—Wake Forest and Meredith Colleges. We should aid, as far as possible, these great institutions,

M. N. HARSHAW, J. M. SHAVER.

Committee.

Also reports from Treasurer of Lenoir Academy and Executive Committee were received.

FINANCIAL REPORT LENGTR ACADEMY.

-Receipts-

Amount Rents Collected	-	-	\$20.00
Amount Interest Collected	-	-	21.89

—Disbursements—	
Oct. 24. Paid I. M. Harris, by order of	
Association	75.00
Nov. 3. Paid Joe Powell for distributing	
circular letter, by order of Ex. Com.	2.15
Nov. 17. Pd. Lenoir Topic, printing Minutes	14.43
March 6. Paid Joe Powell for distributing	
circular letter, by order of Ex. Com.	2.86
May 24. Paid Insurance	16.00

Balance in Treasury \$337.44

Joe Powell,

Chmn. Board Trustees.

VICTOR H. BEACH,

Treas. of Board,

Approved by Executive Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

"We, the Executive Committee of Caldwell County Baptist Association, make the following report: As requested by our committee, the State Board assisted at the following points in the bounds of our Association: Whitnel, Second Baptist Church, Lenoir and Grandin, and pleased to know that the Lord's work is prospering at these points, and recommend

that further aid be given by the State Board. We would also recommend that the State Board aid in the work at Maple Grove and Edgemont, two important points; a beautiful house of worship has been erected at the latter place. As requested by last Association, we have sent two circular letters to the churches, one in October calling attention to State Missions, Orphanage and Aged Ministers' Relief; the other in March nrging Home and Foreign Missions. The Association can best judge as to the wisdom of these circular letters.

F. P. MOORE, Secretary."

On motion, the Trustees of Lenoir High School be instructed not to sell the property there until further notice be given from this body, and that they, with the Executive Committee of this Association, to resuscitate and reestablish a school there.

Report on Ministerial Relief was there offered, and remarks were made by S. B. McCall and J. L. Beach. Report adopted.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

"The object of this Board is to afford aid and relief to the aged and needy Baptist ministers of North Carolina. Some of them have no means of support except the amount received from the Board. It should be the desire of every Baptist in North Carolina to help the old "Soldiers of the Cross" who have given the best of their lives to the preaching of the gospel to the unsaved of our state. We urge the pastors of this Association to take at least one collection in each year at their churches for this worthy object.

J. L. BEACH, J. R SWANSON."

On motion, agree to make Woman's Work special order for 10 to 10:30. Agree to have sermon tonight before the Body reconvenes

Committee on Devotion report C. A. Rhyne to preach to-

night; E. D. Crisp to lead prayer service tomorrow morning; and John Crisp to preach at 11:30. Took recess. Benediction by B. W. N. Simms.

NIGHT SESSION.

Met as per adjournment. Sermon by C. A. Rhyne, from Judges 7:21, after which the Association proceeded to business. First, the following resolutions were offered and, after remarks by S. B. McCall, were adopted:

"Resolved that it is the sentiment of this Association, and we recommend as a body, that the churches of this Association withdraw fellowship from any and all members who participate in dram drinking or the use of intexicating liquors as a beverage.

S. B. McCall,
A. M. Mast,
D. O. Ray,
I. M. Hawkins,
J. L. Franklin.

Report on Pastoral Support was read, and remarks by Joe Powell, S. B. McCall, B. W. N. Simms and A. E. Helton. Report adopted.

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

"The sacred Scriptures abound with divine instructions, both with reference as to the duty of churches to their pastors and of pastors to their churches. We, therefore, recommend a careful and prayerful study of the word of God along these lines of Christian work, both by the members and pastors of the churches.

E. D. CRISP, for Committee. "

Report on Statement of the Churches, by J. M. Shaver, was received.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

By investigation we find that eleven churches report a loss of 67 members last year, twenty show a gain of 182, with two showing neither gain nor loss.

The figures also show an increase in contributions over last year. While these figures cannot be relied upon accurately as to the state of the churches spiritually, yet reasoning from these we are encouraged to believe that the spiritual pulse of the churches is not only still beating but that with renewed energy and zeal the Lord's people are trying to carry out the great commission of giving the Gospel to the lost world.

Respectfully,
J. M. SHAVER,"

Saturday Morning Session.

Met as per adjournment. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Committee on Resolutions was appointed as follows: S. B. McCall, J. M. Shaver. At this point W. R. Beach of the Tennessee River Association accepted a seat in the Body.

Report on Woman's Work was then, by vote of the Body, read by Mrs. J. A. Boldin, and pending its adoption, remarks were made by I. M. Hawkins, C. A. Rhyne, S. A. Rhyne, B. W. N. Simms, W. R. Beach, I. W. Thomas. Report adopted, and the sisters repair to the Methodist church to hold their annual session.

The Committee on Finance make the following report:

Received for Minute Fund		\$40	36
Received for State Missions	-	23	39
Received for Home Missions	-	27	74
Recd. Foreign Missions (Boar	d plan)	18	70
" (Gosp	oel")	2	85
Received for Ministerial Relie	ď	4	54

Total - \$153 36

Treasurer makes report (see Minutes of last year), and is reelected for the ensuing year. The Minute fund was found to be short about \$10.00, which was immediately raised. And by motion, the different churches of this Association be informed of the cost of Minutes per copy, and each church be asked to pay its pro rata of not less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents per member.

Committee on time and place of next meeting report. Time: On Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1916. Place: Wilson's Creek church, Mortimer, N. C. Preacher of annual sermon, J. M. Shaver; alternate, I. W. Thomas.

Adjourned to hear sermon by John Crisp, from Mat. 28:19-20. Benediction by D. O. Ray.

EVENING SESSION

Met as per adjournment. Prayer by J. G. Benfield. Reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were called for. Report on Home Missions not present, the Clerk was authorized to procure same from Committee and incorporate same in minutes. All three subjects were then discussed by W. R. Beach and B. W. N. Simms, and reports adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

"Our support of the cause of State Missions is the payment of a debt to the workers of the past. Our Christian ancestors labored with heroic zeal to set up the Cross of Christ here. We must do our part to continue that needful work in remote corners and at places unable yet to meet their church expenses. It is good seed and it is sown in rich soil. Ours is a missionary religion and the work in North Carolina calls loudly for help.

For the committee,

IRA M. HAWKINS. "

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Our Foreign Mission work is the effort on our part to

earry out the last command of our Lord and Master to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. The challenge of the hour to all our churches is the present call of our foreign mission work. The conditions of the world today are giving tremendous emphasis to the fact that all men need a simple New Testament religion. The non-Christian nations are awakening in a wonderful way and inquiring for the path of peace and the way of life. The doors are wide open. The people are more accessible than ever before. The harvest fields are ripe and we should now thrust in the sickle and reap on a scale that will far transcend anything in the past.

Our Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va., is conducting work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, China, Japan and Africa. In these fields the missionaries reported last year 382 churches, 33,584 church members, 442 Sunday Schools with 23,959 scholars and 8,883 students in mission schools, 384 of whom are in theological seminaries and training schools preparing to preach the gospel to their own people. There are 300 missionaries on the fields, and a total of 651 native workers. Not withstanding difficult conditions on many of the fields, 5190 baptisms were reported during the year.

The destitution on the foreign fields is so great and the call for more laborers so urgent that we should greatly increase our contributions to this worthy cause.

The Foreign Mission Journal, published by the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., should be read by all our people.

J. G. BENFIELD, R. H. PIPES.

The following resolution on Missions was adopted:

"RESOLVED-

That we, as an Association, recommend and ask our Moderator to use his influence to set apart Friday—or second day of the Association—for the consideration and

discussion of the reports of State, Home and Foreign Missions.

S. B. McCall, Committee."

Report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted, and discussion deferred until Sunday morning in mass meeting.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

"Your Committee notes with pleasure an increasing interest in the Sunday School work in the Association. We believe there are more schools better equipped, and more being accomplished along this line than ever before.

While much is being done, greater things remain to be done. Some of the greatest needs in our schools are better prepared teachers and more interest shown on the part of the church members.

Respectfully submitted,

JOE POWELL,

For Committee.''

Report on Biblical Recorder was read and discussed by W. R. Beach, W. S. Cook, D. O. Ray and I. W. Thomas. Report adopted.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

"The Biblical Recorder has already entered upon its eighty-second year as organ of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. During all these years it has sought to be true to its name and mission in earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the Saints, and in giving the information needful in our work, as well as unifying the brethren in all sections of our Convention, thus bringing about a co-operation that has meant much in the growth of the Kingdom. It enables us to look upon the fields of opportunity and know our duty. The Biblical Recorder has a peculiar claim upon our people, because it is the only paper directly under the control of the Baptist State Convention, and answerable to it

in all things. We are morally under obligation to support and make it under God what it should be in the work of the Master at home and abroad.

"Again this is a reading age, and it behooves us to be on the alert and watchful of what our people read. Blessed is he that readeth good literature." Our actions are largely the result of the reading we do, and if we read trash it will tell in the lack of interest and the breeding of crime and lawlessness. We earnestly ask the pastors in this Association to endeavor to place the Recorder in the homes of our people, for it can never serve the cause as it should until more widely read.

I. M. HAWKINS,
H. M. BEACH,
Committee."

The Historian submitted the following report:

HISTORIAN'S REPORT.

"Sardis Church was organized Sept. 17, 1831, under the name of Gunpowder, in a dwelling house on the farm of Mr. S. N. Swanson (old house is still standing), with 13 members, 6 males and 7 females. Brethren Benj. Beach and Thos. Craig constituted the presbytery.

"Benj. Beach, Thos. Craig, C. Livingston, Joseph Harrison, Phillip Powell, J. B. Powell, Jacob Crouch, H. Holsclaw, D. W. Conway, Isaac Smith, J. H. West, J. T. Shell, Geo. Livingston, Bedford Brown, Hiram West, C. C. Pool, R. T. Fleming, J. S. Gwaltney, A. S. Church, John Crisp, J. R. Annas, Isaac Oxford, J. M. Harris, W. N. Cook, J. O. Fulbright and S. A. Rhyne, the present incumbent, have served as pastors. Several of these have served several terms.

"Brethren R. Freeman, Michael Clair, Wm. Campbell, Thos. Fincannon, J. A. Hice, E. Bradshaw, T. R. Sherrill, R. H. McCall, Wm. Cloer, J. R. J. Annas and W. H. H.

Hartley have served as clerks.

"The church first belonged to the Catawba River Association; afterward to the Lower Creek, Lewis Fork, Taylorsville, United Baptist, Brushy Mountain and Caldwell Associations. The Lewis Fork Association met with this church in 1853, the Caldwell in 1888 and 1901, and the present session, 1915. The name of the church was changed to Sardis by the Association in 1835; and the church was divided on Missions in 1856 and reunited in 1870."

OBITUARIES

"During the past Associational year two of our ministers have died—Elders J. R. J. Annas, of Saw Mills, and J. H. Nelson, of Patterson.

Bro. Annas was born in Caldwell County December, 1849, and died in June, 1915, aged 66 years. He was licensed to preach April, 1876, and was ordained to the full work of the ministry Nov., 1880. He was engaged in the ministry about 40 years. He served churches as pastor in Caldwell, Burke, McDowell, Catawba, Lincoln, Gaston, Iredell and Alexander counties. He was a good preacher and an interesting speaker, and accomplished much good during his ministerial life. He was greatly loved and highly esteemed by all who knew him intimately. He was pure in life and chaste in conversation. We will miss him much. His body was buried in Sardis grave yard.

"Bro. J. H. Nelson was born in Caldwell county May 19, 1841, and died May 22, 1915, aged 74 years and 3 days. He was a Confederate soldier and did not make a profession of faith until after the Civil War. He first united with Shilo Methodist church, near Patterson, and about 1895 he was baptized into the fellowship of Yadkin Baptist church, and by that church was licensed and ordained to the ministry. During his ministry he served the following churches: Yadkin, Piney Grove, Blair's Fork, Rocky Springs, Green Val

ley, Mulberry, Richlands (Bethany) and Nelson's Chapel. The last he organized, and at which his body was buried. He had much of the evangelistic spirit, and many were led to Christ under his ministry. He was greatly loved and highly esteemed by all who knew him intimately. He will be much missed.

H. M. BEACH, Historian."

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

"We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report: We find that there are now 38 churches in our Association, all being represented at this session except Flemming's Chapel. The letters show 289 baptisms (an increase of 25) and a total membership of 3985 (an increase of 163). The contributions for State Missions amounted to \$121.68 (an increase of \$9.60); for Home Missions, \$109.30 (a decrease of \$6.79); for Foreign Missions, \$276.24 (a decrease of \$76.28); for Orphanage, \$3!1.26 (an increase of \$104.05); for Ministerial Education, \$13.83 (an increase of \$2.47); for Ministerial Relief, \$7.49 (a decrease of \$25.11); for Pastors' Salary, \$3772.25 (a gain of \$167.36.) We find that our good women have contributed during the year \$283.35. For all objects there was contributed \$6787.34 (a decrease of \$1646.88).

"We find that the pastors' salaries range from \$11 to \$747.31, and that 5 of the 38 paid their pastors less than \$15, while the average was less than \$130.

"Thirty-one churches contributed to the Orphanage; 5 contributed to Ministerial Education; 4 to Ministerial relief; and 5 contributed nothing to any object of the State Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. McCall, A. M. Mast,

Committee."

Devotional Committee report S. B. McCall to preach tonight, W. R. Beach to preach tomorrow at 11 o'clock in the church and I. W. Thomas to preach in Methodist church.

The following were elected as Executive Committee: Y. D. Moore, Joe Powell, F. P. Moore.

Clerk was authorized to incorporate report on Gospel Missions when received by him.

On motion, agree to allow the Clerk \$10.00 for his services, and he spend the remainder of the fund for printing and distributing minutes among the churches.

Committee offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

"RESOLVED: First, that we, as a body, tender our sincere thanks and respect to Sardis Baptists for the kind hospitality and splendid manner in which they have entertained this Association.

"Second, we also express our thanks to our Methodist brethren for their kindness in helping to entertain the delegates and visitors and for the use of their church.

"Third, that we wish to thank the Moderator and Clerk for their efficient service given this body.

Respectfully,

S. B. McCall, J. M. Shaver.''

On motion, agree to take a collection tomorrow at close of sermon for State Missions.

The Chair offered the following standing committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Foreign Missions—B. W. N. Simms, Y. D. Moore. Home Missions—R. H. Pipes, Joe Powell. State Missions—J. A. Boldin, J. A. Raby. Sunday Schools—W. H. H. Hartley, M. N. Harshaw. Ministerial Relief—I. M. Hawkins, J. R. Swanson. Orphanage—J. M. Shaver, H. M. Beach. Pastoral Support—C. A. Rhyne, J. H. Johnson.
Education—J. G. Benfield, J. W. C. McCall.
Biblical Recorder—E. D. Crisp, E. P. McRary.
Temperance—D. O. Ray, Noah Austin.
State of Churches—S. B. McCall, A. M. Mast.
Woman's Work—J. W. Whisnant, Columbus Andrews.

GOSPEL MISSION REPORT

"I have received \$154.28 for Gospel Missions since our last Association. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

F. P. MOORE, Treas. G. M."

Adjourn until time and place of next meeting. Benediction by E. D. Crisp.

Thus ended the thirty first annual session of the Caldwell County Baptist Association, which was both pleasant and profitable.

J. R. SWANSON, CLERK.

LIST OF ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS OF THE CALDWELL ASSOCIATION.

ORDAINED

J. G. Benfield		-			-		Morganton, N. C.
T. S. Robbins		-	-		-		Buffalo Cove, "
W. B. Bryant			-		-		- Finley, "
D. O. Ray			-	-		-	Lenoir, " .
T. L. Blalock			-				Shantung, China
J. M. Harris	-		-			-	Morganton, N. C.
D. L. Miller							- Hudson, "
B. W. N. Simms		-		-		-	Lenoir, "
I. W. Thomas		-	-				- Lenoir, "
S. B. McCall	-		-	-			Granite Falls, "
L. M. Annas	-		~		*		- Saw Mills, "
Jno. Crisp	-		-	-		-	Lenoir, "
E. D. Crisp	-		**		-		Lenoir, "
J. K. Fox	-		-	~		-	Hudson, "
J. B. Phillips		-	-		-		- Hudson, "
P. H. Icenhour		-			-		Saw Mills, "
S. A. Rhyne	-		~				- Hudson, "
W. W. Conway							
J. M. Shaver	-		-		66		Rt. 2, Lenoir, "
L. H. Hice							
J. L. Phillips							
R. A. Branch		-			-		- Adako, "

LICENTIATES

J. C. Clark		**				Lenoir,	N. C
Henry Crisp	-				*	Lenoir,	66
Fred Stimpson	-	-			-	Lenoir,	66
Albert Setzer		45				Lenoir,	66
W. H. H. Hartley				4		Hudson,	44
M. I. Harris	4.4				-	Maiden.	66

OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION

I. W. Thomas, Moderator E. D. Crisp, Vice-Moderator J. R. Swanson, Clerk and Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Joe Powell	Y. D. Moore
J. L. Beach	F. P. Moore
I. W. Thomas	J. R. Swanson

MINUTES OF ANNUAL. MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF CALDWELL ASSOCIATION.

MORNING SESSION

The third annual meeting of the W. M. U. of Caldwell Association, was held with the W. M. S. of Sardis Church, September 25, 1915, with Mrs. J. A. Boldin presiding and Mrs. B. H. Dula, secretary. The Methodist church, in which the sessions were held, was well-filled with women and girls.

Miss Ruth Shell, president of the W. M. S. of Sardis church, conducted devotional evercises, using the 14th chapter of John and closing with "Rescue the Perishing", sung by congregation.

The very cordial welcome, brought to the Union by Miss Annie Lee Crouch of Hudson, was responded to, in a most charming manner, by Mrs. W. S. Covington of Lenoir.

The roll of churches was called and representatives recognized as follows: Granite Falls 6, Green Valley 1, Harris Chapel 5, Kings Creek 1, Lower Creek 17, Lenoir 1st. 14, Sardis 18, Union 3, Whitnel 1. Visitors from North Catawba, Alexander, Center Grove and Central Associations, also from Chester (S. C.) Association, and women of other denominations were gladly recognized and welcomed.

The roll of societies was called and very encouraging reports given by the following delegates: Mrs. W. M. Moore for W. M. S. Lenoir 1st, Miss Ruth Dewey for Y. W. A. Lenoir 1st, Mrs. W. S. Covington for Sunbeam Band Lenoir 1st, Mrs. A. R. Barlow for W. M. S. Lower Creek, Mrs. Boldin for Sunbeam Band Lower Creek, Miss Annie Lee Crouch for W. M. S. Sardis, Mrs. J. E. Fisher for W. M. S. Granite Falls, Miss Effie Settle for Sunbeam Band Granite. We were

very sorry not to have delegates from the W. M. S. and Sunbeam Band at Rhodhiss and the W. M. S. of Grandin church, but reports from these Societies had been forwarded to the President.

Upon request of the body, the Chair named the following nominating committee: Miss Ruth Dewey, Mrs. J. A. Raby, Mrs. Crouch, Mrs. H. V. Russell, Mrs. Nifong.

Miss Blanche Barrus, our State Corresponding Secretary, was introduced, bringing a message of love and greeting from the State Central Committee and expressing deep gratitude for the growth of our work. Then she spoke of "The Relation of the Association to the W. M. U.", closing with a plea for a larger vision of the work by all of our women.

"The Importance of Taking and Reading Our Mission Literature and Biblical Recorder" (also plans for larger circulation) was discussed by Mrs. W. M. Moore, of Lenoir, and Miss Barrus. Our ultimate aim being at least one of these periodicals subscribed for in every Baptist home in the Caldwell Association.

A most excellent paper on our W. M. U. Training School, at Louisville, Ky., prepared by Mrs. B. W. N. Simms, of Lenoir, was read by Mrs. S. E. Babcock, of Chester, S. C. This was followed by a few earnest words from our President, expressing a hope that some of our young women might go to Louisville for training and then consecrate their God-given talents and time to the Master's service here, in the Caldwell Association.

After announcements for the afternoon session, (in the absence of Miss Minnie Harrill, of Rhodhiss), the closing devotional was led by Mrs. B. H. Dula, of Lenoir.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The opening devotional, and a very tender memorial service, for our beloved State, and Southern President, Miss

Fannie E. Heck, was conducted by Miss Barrus, Mrs. Covington and Mrs. Babcock.

With Miss Barrus occupying the chair, the nominating committee made the following report: "We recommend the election of Mrs. J. A. Boldin for president, Miss Cora Greer assistant president, Miss Annie Belle Moore secretary-treasurer, Mrs. W. S. Covington junior superintendent, Mrs. C. L. Wilson Y. W. A. superintendent, Mrs. W. M. Moore literature secretary, Mrs. B. H. Dula personal service chairman." Upon motion and second, the report was adopted. With a few words of appreciation, and a plea for the earnest sympathy, cooperation and prayers of all our women, Mrs. Boldin resumed the Chair.

The splendid Junior Conference, led by Mrs. Covington, assisted by Mrs. Babcock and Miss Barrus, was exceedingly helpful and will, we believe, be the beginning of "Greater Things" for the children of our Association.

Equally inspiring and impressive was the Y. W. A. Conference by Mrs. C. L. Wilson, Miss Ruth Dewey, Miss Barrus and others. And we trust that very soon many of our bright young women may be enlisted in this important department of our work.

Following this was the very delightful "Open Conference", led by Mrs. Dula, in which questions were asked and answered, and various problems relating to the work of the local societies were discussed very informally. Plans and apportionment for coming year were also considered, and a motion carried to take as our financial aim for 1915-16 \$300.00, and that we labor for the organization of as many new societies as possible.

Miss Barrus spoke very briefly of "Today's Opportunity", using explanatory charts and emphasizing our State and Home Mission work; also reminding us of the present dis-

tressed financial condition of the State Board and urging the observance of State Mission Day in every society.

Upon motion and second, a rising vote of thanks and appreciation was given the Methodist brethren and sisters for the use of their church, and all the women of Hudson for their cordial hospitality. After singing a hymn, the congregation repeated the "Lord's Prayer" in concert and the Union adjourned to meet with Wilson's Creek church on Sat urday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1916.

We extend our sincere thanks to the pastors, and the entire Association, for their most cordial reception of our "Report on Woman's Work", and earnestly pray their continued understanding, co-operation and prayers.

MRS J. A. BOLDIN, President,
MISS ANNIE BELLE MOORE, Secy.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, CALDWELL ASSOCIATION, 1914-15.

With gratitude to our heavenly Father, we feel, at the close of this second year of our Union, that the work is slow-Six new societies have been organly but surely growing. ized (or reported for the first time) during the year; and, with few exceptions, the annual reports show faithful, earnest work, with increased study, prayer, personal service, gifts, and determination to still press forward. But we fully realize that our great task has only just begun, and believing that the pastors, more than any other human agency, can make possible successful work among our women and chil May we not ask every pastor in this Association to become at least an honorary member of our W. M. U., to the extent that you will Study, Pray and Give? Study, that you may intelligently assist in eliminating from our plans and methods all that is erroneous; and that, with equal intelligence, you may encourage in every possible way all that is right and good. Pray, that Christ may lead in every step of our work, and that all of our Baptist women may follow His leadership. Give some of your time and personal influence in trying to interest and inform the women of your churches.

In many places the work is suffering, or being entirely neglected, for lack of intelligent leaders, and we would recommend that wherever practical our pastors will organize and lead Church Missionary Societies for the information of our people. How can we expect people to be interested, to any great degree, in things about which they know little or nothing?

In reviewing the work of the past year, we are exceedingly grateful for every advance step, but our vision of future possibilities is profoundly impelling, and we earnestly bespeak the entire co operation of this body in speedily bringing in the glad day when our 2300 Baptist women and girls shall be intelligently and earnestly studying, working and praying for the advancement of the Master's kingdom at our own doors, and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Six new societies have been organized. Have conducted or assisted in 38 meetings. Letters and postals written, 120. Miles traveled in interest of Missions in this Association, 189; attending State Annual Meeting, 675; total, 864.

About 120 Mission periodicals and Biblical Recorders are being taken in the Societies.

MRS J. A. BOLDIN, Vice Pres., W. M. U. Caldwell Association.

Woman's Missionary Union

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For Foreign Missions	-	-	-	21.55
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MINUTES

of the Thirty-second Annual Session of the

Caldwell County BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With
Blair's Fork Baptist Church
Valmead, N. C.

September 21, 22, 23, 1916

Compiled by J R. Swanson, Clerk

Next session to be held with Bethel Church, three miles west of Hartland and eight miles north of Morganton, beginning on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1917. C. A. Rhyne to preach annual sermon. J M. Shaver, alternate.

OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION

I. W. Thomas, Moderator E. D. Crisp, Vice-Moderator
J. P. Swanson, Clerk and Treasurer
A. M. Mast, Historian

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Joe Powell H. C. Mackie
J. L. Beach I. W. Thomas
M. C. Estes J. R. Swanson

STANDING COMMITTEES

Foreign Missions—J. A. Boldin, Y. D. Moore. Home Missions—Joe Powell, J. A. Raby.
State Missions—J. W. Whisnant, R. H. Pipes.
Sunday Schools—I. M. Hawkins, H. M. Beach.
Ministerial Relief—J. M. Shaver, W. H. H. Hartley.
Orphanage—M. N. Harshaw, J. R. Swanson.
Pastoral Support—J. G. Benfield, E. P. McCrary.
Education—C. A. Rhyne, S. B. McCall.
Biblical Recorder—J. H. Johnson, S. A. Rhyne.
Temperance—A. M. Mast, J. W. C. McCall.
State of the Churches—E. D. Crisp, R. A. Branch.
Woman's Work—Columbus Andrews, V. M. Beach.

Proceedings

VALMEAD, N. C., SEPT. 21, 1916.

THE Caldwell County Baptist Association met with Blair's Fork church in its thirty-second annual session, and after Scriptural reading and prayer by H. C. Moore was called to order by Moderator I W. Thomas. Twenty-nine churches were represented. The letters were read by G. W. Rollins and J. R. Swanson.

Upon motion of A. P. Harris, Y. D. Moore was instructed to east the ballot of the body for the present officers, I. W. Thomas, Moderator, and J. R. Swanson, Clerk and Treasurer. E. D. Crisp was then elected Vice-Moderator by acclamation.

The Moderator then published an open door to newly-constituted churches desiring membership in this body, when Edgement church presented a letter with articles of faith which was given into the hands of a committee consisting of E. D. Crisp and J. G. Benfield, who retired to make investigations.

The following visitors then accepted seats in the body: A. Johnson, of the Thomasville Orphanage; H. C. Moore, editor of the Biblical Recorder; H. A. Rowe, of the Pilot Mountain, and I. C. Miller, of the Three Forks Associations, and D. M. Litaker, of the Methodist denomination.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees: First, on arrangements, E. D. Crisp, J. G. Benfield and J. L. Beach, with the Moderator and Clerk; second, on finance, J. A. Raby and John L. Austin; third, on devotion, the pastor and delegates of Blair's Fork church, with Columbus Andrews; fourth, on resolutions, S. A. Rhyne and R. H. Pipes; fifth, digest of church letters, S. B. McCall and A. M. Mast. At this point the committee reported favorably concerning

Edgemont church, and, upon motion, it was received as a member of the body and the delegates seated.

The following were appointed as substitutes for absentees on standing committee: Columbus Andrews on foreign missions instead of Y. D. Moore; A. Johnson on orphanage instead of H. M. Beach.

Upon motion, the body, through the Moderator, asked G. W. Rollins to preach the introductory sermon tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Devotional committee reported S B. McCall to conduct devotional services tomorrow morning.

The Association then took a recess until 7:30 tonigh; benediction by D. M. Litaker.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Met as per adjournment. Prayer by I. C. Miller and J. G. Benfield. Introductory sermon by G. W. Rollins from Luke, 15:3-7, after which Pisgah and Poovey's Grove churches presented letters, which were read and the delegates seated. Adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Friday morning. Benediction by the Moderator.

FRIDAY MORNING

Vice-Moderator E. D. Crisp presiding. Report on Biblical Recorder was read and, pending its adoption, remarks were made by H. C. Moore, H. A. Rowe and I. C. Miller. Report adopted.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

The Biblical Recorder commends itself to the great Baptist host of North Carolina, first, in that it is a sound Biblical paper; second, it fosters and propagates our denominational tenets; third, it gives the desired information with reference to our life and work which our people need in order to become intelligent Baptists. We recommend and earnestly de-

rsire that every Baptist home in the Caldwell Association take and read the Biblical Recorder.

E. D. CRISP,
For Committee.

Report on orphanage was read and discussed by A. Johnson and adopted. A cash collection was taken for the orphanage amounting to \$10.13, which was turned over to A. Johnson

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE

One thousand seven hundred and two children have been under the care of the orphanage since it was established, Nov. 11, 1885. The present number is 450 at Thomasville and 50 at the Kennedy Home. It costs about \$110 a year to support The inmates are received between the ages of 2 and a child. The expense bill averages about \$150 a day. The current fund last year was barely sufficient to meet the current needs of the institution. If the orphanage is to open its doors to others the current fund must be enlarged. We have about 2,000 Sunday schools in the State. Some 600 of these furnish about 40 per cent, of the current fund through monthly collections for the orphanage. The enlistment of the other 1,400 is perhaps the most important work before the orphanage. The children are healthy and strong. Their physical wellbeing is carefully looked after. A school of ten grades under capable management furnishes excellent educational advantages. A live and active church and Sunday school under the leadership of one of the wisest pastors in the State meets the spiritual needs of the institution. But our people need the orphanage. It has been a mighty factor in the progress of our denomination. In helping the Lord's little ones we get a greater blessing for ourselves. On Thanksgiving day every Ba, tist in the State is asked to give his income for one day. If we will all do this no more interest money will be paid to the banks. We would urge upon the Sunday schools the importance of giving our orphanage one collection each month. Charity and Children, the orphanage organ, will be furnished in clubs of 100 or more to Sunday schools at 60 cents a copy a year.

R. T. Vann, W. R. Bradshaw and W. N. Cook accepted seats in the body.

The report on education was read and, pending adoption, R. T. Vann discussed Christian education at some length, at the close of which the Association resolved to try to raise \$100 as our part of the Christian education fund. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

Baptists believe in education. We appeal to the individual conscience and judgment and depend on enlightened mind and conscience for right decisions. We rejoice in the educational revival which has been going on in our State for some time. We commend our beloved State for trying to educate the masses of her citizenship. But as a Christian denomination we owe it to our people to maintain schools of Christian education. Baptists have a large place to fill in the educational world. The work of the kingdom is moving along at a more rapid pace because of the denominational schools that we have established. Adoniram Judson, after he had been in Burma for nearly a third of a century, said: "If I had a thousand dollars to give away I would put it into a Christian school in America, because in building Christian schools and in filling them with boys and girls we are raising the seed corn of the world." When we consider that 80 per cent. of our ministers come from our denominational schools and colleges, and 84 per cent. of our home and foreign missionaries are trained in these schools, and a vast majority of our leading lay workers, we must conclude that our pioneer missionary was right.

We regret that the doors of our own Associational school have been closed so long. Has not the time come for this school to be reopened or to be merged into a larger school with a larger constituency? Your committee is anxious for

some forward step to be taken at this session of the Association. Christian education should lie close to our hearts and we should contribute liberally of our means to this most worthy cause.

Your committee recommends that our Association approve the plan of the convention for promoting general education; second, that we approve the effort of the Board of Education to raise \$20,000 this year for education, or two fifths as much as we raise for State missions; third, that the Association endeavor to raise among the churches during the year \$100, and request each of the churches to assume its proportional part of this amount, and the apportionment arrangement be made to effectuate this plan with the churches; fourth, that so long as our own schools and colleges are as good as those of other denominations or of the State, Baptists patronize their own schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. BENFIELD, J. W. C. McCall.

Just before the body took a recess the Clerk, through B. F. Williams, presented the Association with a gavel made from a locust tree that stood in the churchyard at Lower Creek, where the convention was held July 10, 1885, when it was decided to organize the Caldwell County Baptist Association.

The body then took a recess for one hour.

EVENING SESSION

Met as per adjournment. Prayer by H. A. Rowe and letters were read from Conway's chapel, Mountain Grove and Bethel churches.

Reports on home and foreign missions were read and, pending adoption, remarks were made by E. D. Crisp, I. C. Miller, S. A. Rhyne and W. R. Bradshaw. The reports were adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Our Lord's program for giving the gospel to the world is outlined in His word, beginning at Jernsalem and Judea and Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth. Home missions give the gospel to destitution within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention and some adjacent territory. Foreigners are coming to our country at the rate of one million each year, with their foreign ideas of religion and strange notions concerning government and social life. Shall we Christianize them or allow them to foreignize us? We are also under obligations to the negro and the Indians because they are among us. We also have our mountain school as a means of defense in holding the territory we already occupy.

R. H. PIPES, JOE POWELL.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Christian religion is a religion of missions. Its founder was a missionary—a foreign missionary—heaven's missionary to earth. His life on earth was devoted to missions. His parting command was that we should be missionaries also.

It is a noble thing to be a neighbor to those in our own community or county or State or nation. Few of us, whether professing Christians or not, fail to help those who live next door when we see that they have need, but he must be a Christ-like man indeed whose heart is as big as the world, who sees the need and answers as best he can the need of the soul in China and India and Africa and the far isles of the sea. He is indeed the true neighbor. And to be a true neighbor is to be a true Christian.

The need of the heathen world has always been great. It is doubtless greater than ever today. The world war has destroyed the efforts of Christians on the continent of Europe. What is done today America must do. How we as Baptists and Americans heed this call and answer this world need will

determine our own destiny and, to a great extent, that of this great nation.

Baptists have prided themselves that they stand upon the Bible; that somehow, by the grace of God, they follow or profess to follow His teaching more closely than others. Yet we have had Baptists who did not believe in missions of any kind, and we may have some yet who do not believe in foreign missions. We must have a great number yet who are at least indifferent to foreign missions. By the 38 churches of this Association reporting last year, with a membership of 4,027, there was given to foreign missions the sum of \$303.11, less than eight cents per member. Despite any misfortunes that may have befallen us we do not think that this small sum represents our interest in this great object or our ability to give to it. What more is there to be said? Just this: Shall we indeed follow Him closely as we profess to do?

COLUMBUS ANDREWS,
For the Committee.

Letters were read from Rocky Springs, Green Valley and Mt. Zion churches and the delegates enrolled.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on time, place and preacher for the next Association: J. K. Taylor, J. C. Saunders and W. H. H. Hartley.

Received the following report from the executive committee, which was approved:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Early in the year plans were made by which most of our churches were reached with one mission service. We believe this a splendid way to inform our people on the subject of missions, and would suggest that the Association appoint a committee of arrangement for this special work.

The State board was asked for aid at several points in our Association, but could help only a few.

We think the time has come when we should raise in our

own Association for State missions an amount equal to that asked of the State board.

Special mention is due the following pastors:

Brother I. W. Thomas, who has done faithful work at South Lenoir and Whitnel. Both of these churches have added baptistries and rooms.

Brother J. M. Shaver, at Concord, where the membership has doubled in a few months' pastorate.

Brother S. B. McCall is doing good work at Center Grove. This little band is planning to build a neat house or worship, which is very much needed.

Brother C. A. Rhyne is doing fine work at Granite Falls and Rhodhiss. Under his leadership these churches have paid off heavy indebtedness and are going forward.

Brother S. A. Rhyne is doing splendid work at Sardis and Blair's Fork.

Brother J. G. Benfield is very much interested in his work at Grandin and is planning and hoping to soon build a splendid house of worship.

Brother G. W. Rollins, whose field is composed of Green Valley, Globe, Wilson's Creek and Edgemont, is laying the foundation for great things. He is the right man in the right place and is much loved by his people.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Joe Powell, Chairman.

Fairview church was at this point received as a member of this body and the delegates enrolled.

The Moderator appointed J. G. Benfield and H. M. Beach to apportion the \$100 to be raised by this Association for the Christian educational fund among the churches of this Association.

The committee on devotion reported L. P. Smith to preach tonight at 7:30 and J. G. Benfield to conduct devotional exercises tomorrow morning. The body took a recess until 7:30 tonight. Benediction by E. D. Crisp.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Met at 7:30. Prayer by Albert Setzer. Sermon by L. P. Smith from Acts, 3:6.

Report on temperance was read and, after discussion by Noah Austin, R. H. Pipes, G. W. Rollins, R. A. Branch, Joe Powell, was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Your committee on temperance submits the following:

The temperance cause is gaining ground in America. Ten years ago there were just three States in the Union which had State-wide prohibition. Now there are 19 States which have prohibition by constitutional amendment. We should urge our Congressmen to use their influence in Congress for national prohibition and enact laws that will no longer protect the liquor business in this country. Liquor breeds all kinds of crimes. Drunkenness expels reason, drowns memory, distempers the body, diminishes strength, inflames the body, causes internal, external and incurable wounds. It is a witch to the senses, a devil to the soul, a thief to the purse, a wife's woe and childrens' sorrow. It makes man become a beast and a murderer. We are glad that North Carolina is one of the prohibition States, but I fear we are not as zealous as Christian citizens in doing our part in seeing that the prohibition laws are not trampled under foot by those who are making and selling liquor illegally. If we as citizens would search for and locate those blockade distilleries and those operating them and report to the officials of the law we would soon get rid of drunkenness and crime would decrease 75 per cent, in Caldwell county.

There is also great waste in money and health by the use of tobacco. If the money spent for tobacco by the Baptists in Caldwell county were given to the pastors of our churches they would be well supported. Surely the Baptists of Caldwell county can give as much to their pastors as they give to the tobacco habit.

NOAH AUSTIN.

For the Committee.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Benediction by G. W. Rollins.

SATURDAY MORNING

Met as per adjournment. Devotional exercises conducted by J. G. Benfield. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to consider the consolidation of our school property with some of our sister associational schools: E. D. Crisp, J. L. Beach and J. W. Whisnant.

J. G. Benfield and F. P. Coffey were appointed to nominate an executive committee.

The report on woman's work was read and, after remarks by J. W. Whisnant, Columbus Andrews and I. W. Thomas, was adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

The work of the Woman's Missionary Union, by virtue of its accomplishments, has won its right to recognition on the program of this Association. Little as we may think of it, the Woman's Union now occupies, from the standpoint of relative results, the most important place in our denominational life. From time immemorial our women have been told that they had no knowledge of business and business methods, and that such matters should be left to the wiser and more saintly brethren in the churches.

The facts are that it has been accorded the women the honor of inaugurating the plan of systematic giving. The seemingly enormous amounts which they are raising not only throughout the State, but even in our own Association, is the result of a method and plan founded upon common sense and the soundest principles of business. While your committee at the time of the preparation of this report is not advised as to the total amount contributed by the Union of the entire Association, yet the committee is advised that the women of

the Lenoir First church contributed last year through their various organizations the sum of \$235 41, to say nothing of the amount given by them through the regular channels of the church. This is more than was contributed by the church directly for associational objects only.

The women are not only teaching the churches business in religion, but they are training their members for mission and relief work, arousing their interest by constant reading and study of the various needs in the different mission fields. They are teaching us by example the dual character of religion—pure religion and undefiled—a living faith expressing itself in deeds.

J. W. Whisnant,

COLUMBUS ANDREWS.

Committee.

Upon motion, the body asked Mrs. J. A. Boldin to read the report on the Woman's Missionary Union in this Association, which was approved, and the women then retired to the Presbyterian church to hold their annual session.

The report on pastoral support was read. Remarks by C. A. Rhyne, A. M. Mastand Noah Austin. Report adopted.

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT

Among the many things that are standing in the way and keeping back the onward progress of Baptists today there is nothing that surpasses the lack of supporting the pastors in God's appointed way. When we as Baptists shall have solved the question of supporting the pastors as God has ordained there will have come a new day in Baptist history. There is but one way to do this work in keeping with the will of God, and that is just as He has planned for it to be done. What is God's plan? How has He ordained for us to do this? Do we want to know God's way of solving this question? Are we willing to hear His voice in this matter?

God has said: "They that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel;" and it is said "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn," and "The labourer is worthy of his hire;" and again it is said "The workman is worthy of his hire." Many churches violate the law of the Gospel in failing to support their pastors so as to loose their hands from work not pertaining to the kingdom of God.

Your committee therefore recommends a careful and prayerful study of the Word of God upon this subject both by the members and pastors. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. JOHNSON, C. A. RHYNE, Committee.

By special order the missionaries working within this Association made verbal reports from the churches, as follows: J. G. Benfield, from Grandin church; G. W. Rollins, from Edgement, Globe, Green Valley and Mortimer churches; I. W. Thomas, from Whitnel and Lenoir Second churches; after which W. R. Bradshaw made a very interesting talk on State missions, and the body took a recess until 2 p. m. Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Roll of churches and delegates called and absentees marked.

The report on old ministers' relief was read and, after remarks by I. M. Hawkins, was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

This cause attempts to help our aged and needy ministers who cannot continue in active service longer. They have given their time, energies and life for God's kingdom and it is now our privilege to show our thanks at a time when a little help does much to reward faithful servants.

J. R. SWANSON,

Committee.

The report on schools was read and, after remarks by W. P. Bradshaw, was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON SCHOOLS

We, your committee, recommend that if the trustees of the Lenoir Academy property, with the executive committee of the Association, deem it best to consolidate the school property with the school property of the Catawba River and South Fork Associations, to do so.

Respectfully,

E. D. CRISP, For Committee.

The Sunday school report was read and adopted and discussion deferred until Sunday morning at 9:30.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Your committee is glad to report that last year all the churches but two in this Association had Sunday schools, but the great difficulty, as it has ever been, is to enlist church members in this great church work. This is not entirely owing to indifference, although this is one element of hindrance, but a great many of our brethren do not appreciate the importance of early Bible training. But now, as never before, are we equipped to do Sunday school work. With the plain lesson helps furnished us by the Southern Baptist Convention the smallest child can understand the teaching of the Bible, and while much is being done there are greater things yet to be done. Some of the greatest things needed in our Sunday schools is better prepared teachers and more interest shown on the part of church members. Pastors, impress this important work on your churches and urge them to make greater effort to train the children in Bible doctrine.

W. H. H. HARTLEY.

A. M. Mast was elected historian of this Association and was asked to write a short history of this (Blair's Fork) church and have same incorporated in the minutes.

The committee nominated the following as executive committee for the ensuing year: Joe Powell, J. L. Beach, M. C.

Estes, H. C. Mackie, I. W. Thomas and J. R. Swanson, who were duly appointed.

The committee on time, place and preacher for next session reported: Time, Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1917; place, Bethel church, three miles west of Hartland and eight miles north of Morganton; C. A. Rhyne to preach annual sermon; J. M. Shaver, alternate.

The committee on apportionment of the \$100 among the churches of the Association for an educational fund reported as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL APPORTIONMENT

Antioch \$2 50	Lenoir Second\$2.50
Blair's Fork 2 50	Lovelady 2 00
Buffalo Cove 2 50	Mt. Zion 2 00
Bethel 2.00	Nelson's Chapel 2.00
Bethany 2 00	Poovey's Grove 2 00
Conway's Chapel 2 50	Pisgah 2.00
Center Grove 1 50	Rhodhiss 5 00
Concord 1 50	Rocky Springs 5 00
Clark's Chapel 200	Sardis 5 00
Dudley Shoals 5.00	Union Grove 1 00
Greenrock 1 00	Union 4 00
Globe 2.50	Whitnel 2 50
Granite Falls 5.00	Wilson's Creek 2 50
Grandin, 3 00	Winkler's Grove 1 00
Green Valley 2 00	Yadkin 1.00
Harris Chapel 1.00	Edgemont 2 00
John's River 1 50	Fairview 2 00
King's Creek 5 00	Mountain Grove 2 00
Lower Creek 5 00	Mulberry 1 00
Lenoir First 5 00	Piney Grove 2 00

The committee on query from Blair's Fork church reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUERY

Answer to a query from Blair's Fork church relative to granting letters of dismission to members taken under the watch-care of a church organized by G. L. Hodge almost under the shadow of Blair's Fork church:

We, your committee, after careful consideration of all the facts and information available to us, advise against granting said letters for the following reasons:

- 1. Blair's Fork church is already weak numerically and financially, and one Baptist church is enough for the community
- 2. We find on reliable evidence that said Hodge was at one time excluded from a Baptist church in Rutherford county, this State, and was never restored to membership by the church.
- 3. The church of which he is now a member is not a regular Baptist church and is not affiliated with nor in harmony with our Baptist State Convention

I. W. THOMAS, Moderator.

J. R. SWANSON, Clerk.

J. G. BENFIELD,

E. D. CRISP.

The Treasurer made his report. See Minutes of 1915. The committee on finance made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Received-

For Orphanage	\$ 52 26
For Foreign Missions	19 66
For Home Missions	29.75
For State Missions	41 90
For Ministerial Education	
For Colleges and Schools	
For Sunday School Missions	
For Minute Fund	
Sarplus	11.19
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The report was received and the \$11.19 was ordered to be added to the minute fund, and the Clerk be allowed \$10 for his services, and that the remainder be expended in publishing and distributing minutes among the churches.

On motion the body agreed to include the minutes of the Woman's Missionary Union in the minutes of this Association and defray all expenses, and a collection was taken for that purpose amounting to \$4.09.

- Y. D. Moore was appointed a member of the State Mission Board, J. G. Benfield a member of the Foreign Mission Board, and E. D. Crisp a m mber of the Home Mission Board.
- J. G. Benfield and G. W. Rollins were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention.
- G. W. Rollins was appointed delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, with S. A. Rhyne alternate.

The Treasurer of Lenoir Academy reported as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER OF LENOIR ACADEM	ſΥ
Amount cash in bank Sept. 21, 1915	\$337 44
rent collected	10.00
" interest collected	
Total	.\$360.26
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid on repairing building	\$ 22 00
" on insurance	
" for investigating school proposition	. 750
Total	\$ 49.30
Balance in bank Sept. 21, 1916	\$310.96
V. H. BEACH, Treas	urer.

The committee on state of the churches reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES

I give the following report on the state of the churches:

We found that many of the churches are in a prosperous condition and many of the churches are not doing much for

the cause of Christ. Are the churches growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, day by day, or are they found in the vineyard of the Lord working for the Master? I believe that every church member who claims to have a hope in Christ ought to ask himself this question, as Paul asked, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" and each one improve the talents God has given us.

A. M. MAST, Committee.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, first, That we ask all pastors and active members of all our churches to make an earnest effort to enlist all members in carrying on the work of Christ.

Resolved, second, That we tender our thanks to the presiding officers of this body for the faithful performance of their respective duties in presiding over this body.

Resolved, third, That we tender our sincere thanks to the members and friends of Blair's Fork Baptist church for their kindness and hospitality while we are among them; also to our Presbyterian brethren for the use of their house of worship for our ladies' meeting.

S. A. Rhyne,

W. H. H. HARTLEY.

GOSPEL MISSION REPORT

I have received \$139 79 for Gospel Missions since our last Association. "And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark, 16:15

F. P. MOORE,

Treasurer Gospel Missions.

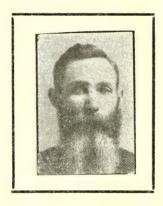
The devotional committee reported J. G. Benfield to preach tonight; W. R. Bradshaw to preach tomorrow at 11 o'clock here in this church, and I. W. Thomas at the same hour in the Presbyterian church, which has been tendered for our use on this occasion.

The Moderator appointed E D. Crisp to talk at the Sunday school mass meeting tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

On motion, the body adjourned to time and place of next meeting of the Caldwell Association Thus ended the thirty-second session, which has been both pleasant and profitable. Benediction by G. W. Rollins.

I. W. THOMAS, Moderator.

J. R. SWANSON, Clerk.



MODERATOR 1. W. THOMAS

Mr. Thomas has served this body as Moderator for thirteen years; served as Clerk for eight years, and has not missed a session for twenty seven years.

LIST OF DELEGATES

Antioch-J. G. Benfield, C. H. Burns, T. G. Whisnant.

Bethany-M. P. Sudderth, W. A. Sudderth, G. W. Miller, L. L. Nichols.

Blair's Fork-L. M. Greene, J. H. Bryant, J D. Smith.

Buffalo Cove-R. H. Pipes, A. M. Church.

Bethel-C. J. Beach, J. K. Taylor.

Clark's Chapel-A. E. Helton, A. C. Clark.

Concord-By letter only.

Center Grove-A. P. Harris, R. T. Hartley.

Conway's Chapel-J. C. Saunders, J. C. Braswell.

Dudley Shoals-J. B. Sigmon.

Edgemont-By letter.

Fairview-Oscar Hood, C. A. Anderson.

Fleming's Chapel-J. W. Flemings.

Grandin-H. N. Sudderth, T. J. Coffey.

Green Valley-M. C. Estes.

Green Rock-L. L. Hawkins.

Granite Falls-H. C. Mackie, W. D. Cline, J. E. Fisher.

Globe-F. P. Moore, A. M. Mast.

Harris Chapel-Noah Austin, Broadus Miller.

John's River-J. C. L. Hayes.

King's Creek - H. M. Beach, J. L. Beach, George Ferguson.

Lower Creek-J. R. Swanson, J. A. Raby, J. L. Austin, R. L. Steele, Boone Beach.

Lenoir First—Y. D. Moore, M. N. Harshaw, W. M. Moore, C. Andrews, J. W. Whisnant.

Lenoir Second-J. M. Harless, D. P. Griffin.

Lovelady-B. F. Beach.

Mulberry-J. S. Edmisten.

Mt. Zion-J. C. Barker.

Mountain Grove-W. J. Bean, W. N. Smith.

Nelson's Chapel-E. L. Curtis.

Pisgah-N. J. Bentley, Noah Austin.

Piney Grove-W. W. Turnmire, W. D. Goble, J. P. Curtis.

Poovey's Grove—By letter.

Rhodhiss-W. R. Beach, R. A. Fox, S. J. Early, E. C. Kirby, Henry Goble.

Rocky Springs-J. T. Hayes, Charles Leonard.

Sardis-W. H. H. Hartley, Z. V. Johnston.

Union-R. S McCrary, Fred Roberts.

Union Grove-R L. Conway.

Whitnel-J. K. Barber.

Winkler's Grove-By letter.

Wilson's Creek-W. S. Cook, Jack Bryant, Barney Cook.

Yadkin-J. K. Farthing.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. G. Benfield, Morganton. T. S. Robbins, Buffalo Cove.

C. A. Rhyne, Granite Falls.

T. L. Blalock, Tai An Fu, China.

G. W. Rollins, Globe.

J. M. Harris, Morganton.

D. L. Miller, Hudson.

S. L. Fox, Lenoir.

L. M. Annas, Saw Mills.

E. D. Crisp, Lenoir, R. 4.

John Crisp, Lenoir, R. 4.

I. M. Hawkins, Yadkin Valley.

J. K. Fox, Hudson.

S. A. Rhyne, Hudson.

J. B. Phillips, Hudson.

P. H. Icenhour, Saw Mills.

J. M. Shaver, Lenoir, R 2.

W. W. Conway, Lenoir, R. 3.

I. W. Thomas, Lenoir.

B. W. N. Simms, Lenoir.

W. B. Bryant, Finley.

R. A. Branch, Adako.

LICENTIATES

L. H. Hice, Granite Falls.

L. L. Spann, Chapel Hill.

J. M. Elrod.

F. P. Coffey, Lenoir.

Albert Setzer, Lenoir.

Henry Crisp, Lenoir.

Fred Stimson, Lenoir.

W. H. H. Hartley, Hudson.

M. I. Harris, Maiden.

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Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of Caldwell Association

MORNING SESSION

The fourth annual meeting of the W. M. U. of Caldwell Association was held with the W. M. S. of Blair's Fork church Sept. 23, 1916, with Mrs. J. A. Boldin presiding and Mrs. B. H. Dula acting as Secretary in the absence of the regular Secretary.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. D. C. Farthing, President of the W. M. S. of Blair's Fork church. Mrs. Farthing also gave the Union a most cordial welcome.

The roll of churches was called and representatives recognized as follows: Blair's Fork, 4; Granite Falls, 6; Grandin, 2; King's Creek, 1; Lower Creek, 15; Lenoir First, 12; Sardis, 3. Visitors were gladly recognized and welcomed.

Very encouraging reports were given by the following delegates: Mrs. W. S. Covington for the W. M. S. and Sunbeam Band of Lenoir First; Miss Ethel Killian for the Y. W. A. of Lenoir First; Mrs. A. R. Barlow for the W. M. S. and Mrs. Boldin for the Sunbeam Band of Lower Creek; Miss Irene Clark for the W. M. S. and Sunbeam Band of Blair's Fork; Miss Downs for the W. M. S., and Clyde Mullis for the Sunbeam Band of Sardis; Mrs. Turnmire for the W. M. S., and Mrs. Fisher for the Sunbeam Band of Granite Falls. Mrs. Turnmire also read the reports for the W. M. S., Y. W. A. and Sunbeam Band of Rhodhiss. The other societies not having delegates present had previously reported to the President.

Upon motion and second, the chair appointed a nominating committee, as follows: Mrs. J. E. Fisher, Mrs. V. H. Beach, Mrs. R. L. Austin, Mrs. D. C. Farthing and Miss Ruth Shell.

Miss Bertha Carroll, our new State Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, brought to the Union a message of love and greeting from the Central Committee, after which she spoke so earnestly of "Today's Opportunity in Mission Work" that we hope all of the women caught a new "vision" of their individual privileges and responsibilities.

Our Literature Secretary, Mrs. W. M. Moore, made an encouraging report, emphasized the importance of becoming familiar with our work through the mission periodicals and the Biblical Recorder, and urged all of the societies to make a great effort for larger circulation during the coming year.

"Our W. M. U. Training School; the Enlargement Fund; Why and How" was discussed in a most interesting and instructive paper by Mrs. W. S. Covington, making us glad for the real need of enlargement and encouraging us to pray more earnestly that some of our young women may go to this school for training.

After a few words by the President and announcements for the afternoon the meeting adjourned, with prayer by Mrs. C. L. Wilson.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After devotional service, led by Miss Carroll, Mrs. W. S. Covington, our Junior Superintendent, made her annual report and opened the Junior Conference with a splendid paper, emphasizing the necessity of the co-operation of the mothers in our work for the children. This was followed by a wonderful message from Miss Carrol on "Our Mission Bridge."

A most helpful and inspiring Y. W. A. Conference was led by our Y. W. A. Secretary, Mis. C. L. Wilson, who made a special appeal to our girls and young women, and urged the organization of more Y. W. A.'s in our Association. Mis. Wilson was assisted by Miss Carroll and others.

Our Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. B. H. Dula, made an earnest plea for deeper consecration and greater personal service, emphasizing the following Scripture: "The Master is come and calleth for thee." She also urged greater efficiency in our societies.

With Miss Carroll in the chair the nominating committee made the following report: "We recommend the election of Mrs. J. A. Boldin for President; Mrs. W. S. Covington, assistant President; Mrs. Myra Allen, Secretary Treasurer; Mrs. W. S. Covington, Junior Superintendent; Mrs. C. L. Wilson, Y. W. A. Secretary; Mrs. W. M. Moore, Literary Secretary; Mrs. B. H. Dula, Personal Service Chairman." Upon motion and second, the report was adopted and Mrs. Boldin resumed the chair.

Plans and aims for the coming year were considered, and a motion carried to take as our financial aim, for 1916-1917, \$500, and that we strive for the organization of nine new societies.

A motion carried that we hold our next annual meeting at a different time and place from the general Association.

A rising vote of thanks and appreciation was given our Presbyterian brethren and sisters for the use of their church, and the women of Blair's Fork for their hospitality.

After a chain of special prayer the Union adjourned to meet with the W. M. S. of Lower Creek church on Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1917.

MRS. J. A. BOLDIN, President. MRS. MYRA ALLEN, Secretary.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, CALDWELL ASSOCIATION, 1915-1916

As we come to the close of another year we feel, with grateful hearts, that God has richly blessed this department of our work. Seven new societies have been organized during the year, and both quarterly and annual reports show much faithful work being done.

We believe that in our women and children there is gradually being developed a greater desire for information, more

real interest in the extension of the Master's kingdom and a deeper spirituality in their own lives.

We fully realize that much of the success of the past year has been due to the fact that some of our pastors have really been giving of their time, thought and prayers to the work of the women and children in their churches. Hence, earnestly desiring that ALL of our women and children may catch a "vision" of their privileges and God-given opportunities, and, remembering that in so many of our churches the work is suffering or being entirely neglected, we pray that the Divine Spirit may so impress every pastor in the Caldwell Association that he will not be satisfied until he has succeeded in leading his ENTIRE FLOCK into the greenest fields of service possible.

In reviewing the work of our Union since its organization, three years ago, we are humbly grateful for every blessing, for every increase, and especially do we thank the pastors and this entire body for their hearty support and co-operation; but we remember that "these blessings are not an earned reward of the past, on our part, but rather a borrowed trust for the future," and as we press forward in this realization to attempt "greater things" for the Master we plead most earnestly for your continued and increased support and prayers.

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MRS, J. A. BOLDIN, Pres. W. M. U. Caldwell Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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" W. N. Cook	50
Collection for printing W. M. U. Minutes	4.09
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Total	\$219.51
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid Thomasville Orphanage	\$ 52 26
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" Lenoir Topic for printing Minutes	49.80
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Total	\$910.51



MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-THIRD SESSION

OF THE

CALDWELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD IN

BETHEL CHURCH

BURKE COUNTY

AUGUST 20, 21, 22, 1917

COMPILED BY J. R. SWANSON, CLERK

Next session to be held with Dudley Shoals Church, six miles east of Granite Falls and ten miles northeast of Hickory, beginning on Thursday at 11 o'clock before the fourth Sunday in September, 1918. W. A. Stephenson to preach the annual sermon; S. A. Rhyne, alternate.

OFFICERS OF ASSOCIAITION

I. W. Thomas, Moderator.

E. D. Crisp, Vice-Moderator.

J. R. Swanson, Clerk and Treasurer

Executive Committee

Joe Powell

H. C. Mackie

J. L. Beach

I. W. Thomas

M. C. Estes

J. R. Swanson.

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STANDING COMMITTEES

State Missions-Joe Powell and J. A. Raby.

Home Missions-J. W. Whisnant and R. H. Pipes.

Foreign Missions-J. M. Shaver and W. H. H. Hartley.

Sunday Schools-J. G. Benfield and E. P. McCrary.

Ministerial Relief-J. H. Johnson and J. W. C. McCall.

Orphanage-S. A. Rhyne and H. M. Beach.

Pastoral Support-M. N. Harshaw and E. A. Poe.

Education-A. M. Mast and V. M. Beach.

Biblical Recorder-E. D. Crisp and J. A. Boldin.

Temperance-Y. D. Moore and M. E. Estes.

State of the Churches-J. A. Turnmire and C. L. Sherrill.

Woman's Work-W. A. Stephenson and C. Andrews.

PROCEEDINGS

Bethel Church, North Carolina, Burke County, Sept. 20.

HE thirty-third session of the Caldwell County Baptist Association met in its annual session. Introductory sermon by C. A. Rhyne. Text, Isaiah, 6:1-10.

The body was then called to order by Moderator Thomas. Letters were presented from a majority of the churches in this Association. The letters were read by J. R. Swanson and C. Andrews, after which the body was permanently organized by electing I. W. Thomas Moderator and J. R. Swanson Clerk and Treasurer. Then the body proceeded to business by publishing an open door to churches desiring membership in this body, when Maple Grove asked for admission, whereupon the Moderator appointed J. M. Shaver, J. M. Harris and J. G. Benfield as an investigating committee, who retired to make investigation.

The following visiting brethren accepted seats in this body: C. J. Thompson, of the Central Association; J. B. Pruet, from the South Fork; Baylus Cade, from Tar River; J. J. L. Sherwood, from the Three Forks, and C. A. Rhyne, from the Catawba River Association.

At this point the committee reported favorable as to Maple Grove church, and, upon motion, it was received as a member of this body, and to delegates was extended the right hand of fellowship.

The following committees were then appointed:

Committee of Arrangements—Baylus Cade, J. L. Beach, J. G. Benfield, with the Moderator and Clerk.

On Finance-J. A. Raby, Columbus Andrews.

On Devotion-Pastor and delegates of Bethel church.

On Resolutions-W. H. H. Hartley and J. S. Haas.

Digest of Church Letters-J. M. Shaver, J. R. Swanson.

Committee to Nominate Executive Committee—M. C. Estes, J. S. Haas, Columbus Andrews.

The body then agreed to meet at 9 o'clock a. m. for devotion;

9:30 for business; take a recess at 12 m; reconvene at 1:30 for business, and adjourn at will.

The following brethren were appointed as substitutes on the following committees:

Baylus Cade on Sunday Schools.

C. J. Thompson on Biblical Recorder.

W. A. Stephenson on Temperance.

J. M. Harris on State of Churches.

Committee on devotion reported W. A. Stephenson to preach tonight at 8:30 and J. M. Shaver to conduct devotional exercises tomorrow morning. The Association then took a recess until tomorrow morning at 9:30. Benediction by C. J. Thompson.

At 7:30 p.m., in the absence of Brother W. A. Stephenson, Baylus Cade preached from Matt., 1:21,

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met as per adjournment. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Letters from Dudley Shoals, Whitnel, Lenoir Second. Granite Falls and Conway's Chapel were read and delegates seated.

Report on Biblical Record was submitted, and, after remarks by C. J. Thompson and Baylus Cade, was adopted:

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

The Biblical Recorder is the authorized organ of the Baptist State Convention, and stands for all Baptist interests. It is the source of full information in all denominational and kingdom affairs. It promotes every enterprise of the denomination. It contains spiritual food for the Christian and the home. It is the medium of communication for our people, and the source of appeal and inspiration.

In view of this vital place of the Biblical Recorder in the life and work of the denomination, and in keeping with like action of other associations in the State, we recommend that the pastor and deacons of every church in the Caldwell Association secure at the earliest possible date a permanent Recorder committee and the most efficient solicitor who will undertake to place and keep the Biblical Recorder in every family possible in their church. S. A. RHYNE, Committee.

Report on Orphanage was read and discussed by M. L. Kesler and Baylus Cade. Report adopted:

ORPHANAGE REPORT

For a generation the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage has been one of the regular objects of our convention. During that time it has sheltered and trained nearly 1,800 children. We have in our care now, in round numbers, 500. In spite of the distress resulting from the awful world war, the past year has been the best in our history financially. The churches and the Sunday schools have responded as they never have before. But the high cost of living and the increasing number of needy applications still give us serious concern for the work still before us.

We are constantly striving to improve our facilities for the training of the boys and girls. We cannot afford to fall behind

the best that can be offered this class of children.

We are glad to report a most gracious meeting which has just closed. Some twenty-five boys and girls have been baptized and perhaps as many more are to follow. We are greatly encouraged. Now we recommend the following:

1. That every Sunday school take a collection once a month

for the Orphanage.

2. That a club of Charity and Children, as nearly as possible, be put into every Sunday school.

3. That a thank offering be taken by every church.

M. L. KESLER, For the Committee.

R. T. Van, president of Meredith College; J. D. Moore, representing the B. Y. P. U., and J. A. Bower, of the Catawba River Association, were recognized as visitors.

The Moderator appointed J. D. Brinkley, J. A. Turnmire, J. L. Beach, J. D. Turnmire and W. H. H. Hartley as committee on time and place for next Association.

Report on Pastoral Support was offered. Discussed by J. G. Benfield and R. T. Van and adopted:

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT

Pastoral support is abundantly taught in the New Testament. When we follow the teaching of the Scriptures God's blessings are upon us. Very few of our pastors get their entire support from their ministry. This is not as it should be, for God hath ordained that they that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. The obligation rests upon the churches to untie the hands of their pastors so that they may do their best work. The preacher needs time for meditation, prayer and the study of the Scriptures, and the church that does not minister to the temporal needs of her pastor cannot expect him to minister to her, as he should, in spiritual things. Our churches need to wake up to the importance of supporting their pastors.

J. G. BENFIELD, For the Committee.

The body then took a recess until 1:30 p.m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Met as per adjournment. Prayer by M. L. Kesler. Letters were read from Pisgah, Blair's Fork, Fairview, Mt. Zion and Harris' Chapel churches and delegates seated.

The committee on time, place and preacher for next Association reported as follows: Time, Thursday at 11 o'clock before the fourth Sunday in September, 1918; place, Dudley Shoals church, six miles east of Granite Falls and ten miles northeast of Hickory;

W. A. Stephenson to preach the annual sermon; S. A. Rhyne. alternate.

The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were read and speeches were made by J. D. Moore and W. A. Stephenson, when the discussion was suspended (to be taken up later) and the report on Christian Education was read and was discussed by R. T. Van. Report adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION

Baptists have always believed in Christian education. Our forefathers clearly saw that in order for our principles to live and advance the common people must be educated and informed. So we have been pioneers in establishing colleges as well as preparatory schools.

While Baptist work for Christian education is not new, since it was begun by English Baptists as far back as 1660, within the last two years North Carolina Baptists have adopted new methods and a larger program. Instead of having separate collections for schools and colleges, ministerial education and a seminary, all these are now combined under the head of "Christian education."

North Carolina Baptists own fourteen high schools and three colleges, representing in money value a little over a million and

a half dollars.

The convention at its last session urged that all churches fall in line for the larger program for education, and suggested that each church endeavor to raise two-fifths as much for education as it does for State missions. We trust that each church in our

Association shall endeavor to raise this amount.

And, finally, we urge upon them the importance of education under Christian auspices and influences, and impress upon them the fact that Baptists should patronize their own institutions, both for the sake of their children and for that of the denomination. All contribuions for Christian education should be forwarded to Treasurer Durham at Raleigh.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. RHYNE.

Discussion of missions was resumed by Baylus Cade and J. D. Moore. Reports adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

All missionary enterprises are one. There is no conflict among them. Their purpose is to carry out the last command of our Lord and to give the whole Gospel to the whole world. For purposes of administration and in order to facilitate the work, missions in our program are subdivided into State, Home and Foreign. But their unity is that of different members of one family

of our denominational life.

State Missions is a co-operative effort made by our churches in North Carolina for the evangelization of the State and for the development of the churches themselves in all the interests of the Kingdom of Christ. The growth of the work makes necessary the existence of departmnts or divisions of labor. So that the State Board maintains, in addition to general missions, which includes evangelism in destitute sections and assistance rendered weak churches at important points, the departments of Woman's Work, Baptist Young People's Union and Sunday Schools.

The State Board is the servant, as it is the creature, of the churches. Its plans for the enlistment of our people in systematic giving and for their advancement in every phase of the Lord's work can attain success only through the spirit of co-operation among the churches, and by reason of the desire on their part to go forward as our Lord Himself commands.

J. D. MOORE, For the Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Jesus, our Blessed Lord, said: "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I command you. And lo, I am with you all the days, even unto the end of the world."

These words are our marching orders and the guarantee of our final success, and to hesitate in our obedience is to be disloyal to ourselves, to perishing men all around us and to the Lord Jesus. We have the men and the women to go, the men and the women who want to go, as well as men and women who have already gone. We have the means to support those already gone and to send those who want to go, and if we be not in possession of the missionary impulses which will lead us to go ourselves or to send others to save lost men we are simply not Christians at all. Our orders are plain, our power to succeed is limitless, our duty is clear. Let us see to it that the whole world shall have the Gospel in this generation. BAYLUS CADE.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board is located at Atlanta, Ga., and is constituted by a body of energetic Christian business men. The Southern Baptists are supporting through this board 1,307 workers (exclusively or in co-operation with other agencies). These workers are composed of mountain schools or enlistment workers and evangelists. The reports show excellent work for those missionaries for the last year. They report 37,724 baptisms. We are proud of their splendid work and it should encourage us to a greater enthusiasm for the work and convince us more of the value of such a work. For the fiscal year which closed April 30, 1917, the Home Board received from all sources \$474,702, \$37,970 of which was reported from North Carolina. Carolina is asked to raise \$46,365 for the ensuing year. The advance in prices, as well as our progress, has necessitated the added amount.

We would recommend that this object be kept before the churches and that we use the free literature published by the

board to inform the pepole of its workings.

Respectfully submitted. W. A. STEPHENSON.

J. L. Beach was then appointed to write a report on State of Churches and the body took a recess until tomorrow morning at 9:30. Benediction by J. J. L. Sherwood.

At 7:30 p.m. J. M. Shaver preached from Mark, 16:15-16.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Minutes of yesterday read, corrected and approved, roll of delegates called and absentees marked.

On motion, the body agreed to discontinue the report on digest of church letters.

Report on Sunday Schools was read. After speech by Baylus Cade the report was adopted and further discussion postponed until Sunday morning in the Sunday school mass meeting:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday school is an agency of divine Providence, whereby men, and especially the young, may be brought under the recreating power of the Holy Spirit, and so be saved from sin, and be brought into the Kingdom of God. This being so, it appears at once that all Christians in our churches should be deeply and earnestly interested in the Sunday school work as officers, teachers and pupils. It is a fact that a large majority of the membership in all our churches are outside of our Sunday schools, and are utterly indifferent to the blessed work they are doing in the teaching of the Kingdom.

We earnestly urge all our pastors and other workers to set themselves the task of getting all of the members of the churches

into the classes and the work of our Sunday schools.

BAYLUS CADE.

The report on Ministerial Relief was read, and, after remarks by J. M. Shaver, J.D. Moore, I. W. Thomas and Baylus Cade, was adopted:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

For lack of statistics we cannot speak intelligently on this subject, but believe it to be one that deserves our prayerful consideration and support. The small number of churches contributing and the small amounts given reveal the fact that this work has not as yet been impressed upon the hearts and minds of our people generally. Let us as brethren and churches wake up to this worthy cause of caring for the aged and needy servants of our Lord, remembering that in so doing we do it unto Christ. Matt., 25:40.

J. M. SHAVER, W. H. H. HARTLEY, Committee.

Report on Woman's Work read; discussed by J. D. Moore and Baylus Cade, and adopted. Also report was read from the W. M. S. and accepted and ordered incorporated in our minutes.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

In its report on Woman's Work your committee would first like to get before each of you some definite figures as to what our women are doing. It will be of value to us as information, for we feel sure that many of us do not know what great things are being done by our good women. It should be of value to us in that it would make us more zealous in our loyalty to Christ and more industrious and diligent in our work in His kingdom.

We had, as reported to the last Association, 4,172 members in

this Association. The W. M. U. had at that time 397 members. In the financial report of the W. M. U. no figures are given as to contributions to pastor's salary and various other objects, but figures are given as to contributions to State. Home and Foreign Missions, and it is upon these that we wish to give you some comparisons:

Thirty-second Session, Caldwell County Association.

		Per capi	ita Contributio	ons to
	Members.	State Mis.	Home Mis.	For'n M.
Association	41/2	5.5c	6.3c	7.8c
W. M. U	397	17.7c	13.7c	18c
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or, if we make the figures upon a slightly different basis, we find the following:

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Members.	State Mis.	Home Mis.	For'n M.
Association, exclu-			
sive of W. M. U3775	4.2c	5.6c	6.8c
W. M. U 397	17.7c	13.7c	18c

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The foregoing, of course, represents only a small part of the work the W. M. U. is doing. We should say that all, or nearly all, of these 397 members contribute to pastor's salary, to the Sunday school, orphanage, etc., as liberally as do the men of our Association. But, great as this work is, we are sure that the greatest and most blessed service rendered by our women, and upon this thing we men need to think seriously, is in the giving of themselves and their time to enlist others in this great work and in the training of the Sunbeam Bands, Young Woman's Auxiliaries, Baptist Young People's Unions and probably other organizations, as well as teaching in the Sunday schools. In fact, the training of our young people is largely in the hands of our women. Of the value of this work as yet we have had but a foretaste, but in the future years we should reap bountifully of it.

Our W. M. U. is doubtless aware of it, yet we would call their attention to the field before them, bid them Godspeed and follow them with our prayers. On a basis of the membership of our First Church in Lenoir there are in this Association 2,592 women and girls. More than 2,000 members without the vision yet, not yet enlisted. What a great, what a productive field for 1-bor! What work we shall do when all of these are enlisted! How glorious shall the future reports of this Association be, we are convinced, is already largely in the keeping of our women. By the real test of service they are showing themselves to be the leading citizens in Christ's kingdom. The Master Himself said that by their fruits ye should know them.

The Master does not walk among us in the flesh as of old, and so none of our good women can literally pour vessels of precious ointment on His head or wipe His feet with their glorious hair, but there must be those, very humble ones it may be, who are casting their farthings, all that they have, into His treasury; and He, knowing it, has said of each of them, "She hath done what she could," and of us, "She hath given more than they all."

The question in our minds is and ought to be, Why is it and how is it that these women excel in their work? In answer much could be said, but for this time we will let this be sufficient: They have caught a greater measure of the Master's spirit and

have given themselves more fully to Him than have our men.

V. H. BEACH, C. ANDREWS, Committee.

At this point the body asked J. J. L. Sherwood to preach a sermon, who responded, using as a text Epesians, 2:8, after which the congregation stood in recognition of Brother Sherwood's life and labors in the services of his denomination. The body then took a recess for one hour.

Met as per adjournment. Prayer by S. D. McAbee.

J. G. Benfield was requested to write a brief history of Bethel church and send to Clerk.

The Moderator was granted time to make out the list of standing committees and forward Clerk.

Joe Powell was appointed member of State Mission Board.

- J. M. Shaver, member of Home Mission Board.
- I. W. Thomas, member of Foreign Mission Board.
- S. D. McAbee, J. A. Boldin and I. W. Thomas were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention.
- W. A. Stephenson, delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, with Columbus Andrews alternate.

Treasurer's Report (See Minutes, 1916).

Report of treasurer of Gospel Missions:

GOSPEL MISSION REPORT

To Caldwell County Association: Since last Association I have received \$131.98 for our missionary, T. L. Blalock, Tai An Fu, Shantung Province, China. The Lord has greatly blessed the labors of our faithful missionary, and we are under special obligations to our Lord and Master to give liberally of our means toward the support of our dear brother in that far-off land. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered unto himself." Prov., 11:24-25.

F. P. MOORE,

Treasurer Gospel Missions.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your committee notes with pleasure increasing interest in church work throughout our Association. Better houses of worship are being built and planned for. Others are being improved. Splendid revivals of religion have been had by several of our churches. We hope and believe that our people are beginning to get a vision of the great possibilities and responsibilities that are before us. Respectfully submitted, JOE POWELL, Chairman.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF LENOIR ACADEMY

September 20th, 1917.

Cash in bank reported last year	\$310.96 12.31 50.00
Paid expenses Brethren Thomas and Swanson, investigation school at Hickory\$ 2.50 Paid insurance	\$373.27 \$ 22.30
Cash balance in bank Note for rent due Rent due M. C. Estes	\$350.97 90.00 25.00

JOE POWELL. V. H. BEACH, Treas.

\$465.97

The body ordered that \$100 of the amount reported by the trustees of Lenoir Academy be given to Fred Stimpson, a ministerial student from this Association now at Wake Forest College preparing for the ministry; also ordered that \$50 be loaned to John Crouch, also a ministerial student, the same to be paid back to this Association without interest when he shall be able to do so.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter any funds that may be in the hands of this Association may be loaned to (those preparing themselves for the ministry) without interest, to be paid into the treasury of this Association when such parties become able to do so.

The body appointed or designated J. A. Boldin a trustee of Lenoir Academy instead of Walter Whisnant.

On motion, the trustees of Lenoir Academy, in council with the Executive Committee of this Association, are ordered to sell the school property at Lenoir, and the proceeds to be put upon interest, to be used to help ministerial students in the bounds of this Association to equip themselves for the ministry.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE	
Received for— Ministerial Education\$	0.00
Orphanage	4 00
Minutes4	3.65 8.07
Home Missions	5.50
Foreign Missions	
Total\$10	8.82
COLUMBUS ANDREW	S.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to the members and friends of Bethel church for their kindness and hospitality while we are among them.

W. H. H. HARTLEY,
J. S. HAAS.

The Minute fund being short, it was ordered by the body that \$10 be borrowed from the funds in the hands of the treasurer of Lenoir Academy to pay Clerk for his services. The amount to be paid back just after the meeting of the next Association.

Report on State of Churches was read and adopted:

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES

We, your committee, are glad to report the churches of our Association in peace and harmony. As far as we know all our churches have pastors, with one or two exceptions, and most of them have Sunday schools and several have women's mission ry societies and young people's organizations. In some of our churches our sisters are doing a noble work. Most of our churches contribute to the objects of our State Convention, but not as liberally, we fear, as they might. We are glad to report that many of our churches have enjoyed revivals of religion and have had additions to their churches. We regret to have to report that several of our churches are served by pastors who live too far away from the churches to be of much real service as pastors. It would be so much better if our churches would group themselves into fields and have their pastors live in their midst. We suggest that more of our churches try to have services twice a month and that all our churches try to have prayer meetings, and that all our churches encourage our sisters to organize women's missionary societies and young people's organizations. We further suggest that all our churches earnestly pray the Lord to call young men in our midst into the ministry.

J. L. BEACH, For the Committee.

Report on Temperance was read, and after remarks by Noah Austin, was adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We are glad to report progress for the cause of temperance. Year by year there are States added to the list of those having legislation prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic drinks. We should insist upon the election of Congressmen who are willing to fight against this mighty enemy. A person who makes or sells intoxicating drinks, or anyone who is in sympathy with those who do, should be regarded as an enemy to society. The drink habit is attended by so many evils which wreek homes and lives, to say nothing of the effect which the alcohol itself has upon the system. It demands our earnest attention and efforts to put it down. There are other sins of intemperance which we regard as an impediment to our best progress, and we feel that a note of warning should be sounded here: the so-called "soft drinks" and cigarettes. More money is being spent in some communities for coca-cola than for bread, notwithstanding the high prices of breadstuff. Business places are permitted to be kept open on Sunday, which make a specialty of selling bottled goods

This habit, with the cigarette habit, is sapping the life out of the young men of our age, and we should put up a desperate fight against these sins.

W. A. STEPHENSON.

On motion, it was agreed to take a collection tomorrow at the close of the sermon for State Missions, and that the same be reported as a part of the proceedings of this body.

The committee on devotion report J. S. Gwaltney to preach tonight at 7:30 and Baylus Cade at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

J. M. Harris is appointed to take charge of the Sunday school mass meeting tomorrow morning at 40 o'clook.

Thus ended the thirty-third session of the Caldwell County Baptist Association, and the body adjourned to the time and place of next meeting.

I. W. THOMAS, Moderator.
J. R. SWANSON, Clerk.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

The Bethel Baptist church, with which the Caldwell Association held its 1917 session, was organized Nov. 22, 1890. For several months prior to the organization Elder J. M. Harris had been preaching under a brush arbor near the present location of the church. Elders J. M. Harris, E. S. Whisnant and F. P. Clark and Deacon T. H. Barber composed the organizing presbytery. The church was organized with eight members. J. M. Harris was chosen as the first pastor and W. A. Benfield church clerk. W. A. Benfield and J. D. Whisnant were ordained as deacons. J. M. Harris has served as pastor for about two-thirds of the time since its organization, and is now the pastor. J. G. Benfield, L. C. King, W. N. Cook and S. B. McCall have also served as pastor. The following brethren have served as clerk of the church: W. A. Benfield, R. O. Phillips, W. A. McCall, W. M. Taylor, J. B. Cannon, W. A. Loudermilk, W. H. McCall and J. R. Taylor, who is the present clerk. The church has made steady progress, and, considering the small community in which it is located, many have been brought into the fold through its influence. The membership is now larger than the first pastor ever anticipated.

- J. G. BENFIELD.

LIST OF DELEGATES

Antioch—J. L. Hartley, T. G. Whisnant.
Bethany—Joshua Storie, T. C. Curtis.
Blair's Fork—H. E. Austin, Fred Webb, Pink Harris. Bethel— W. Cannon, A. B. McCall, A. A. McCall. Cl rk's Chapel—Boone Craig, W. J. Jaynes. Center Grove-H. O. Bumgarner, J. A. Bumgarner, J. E. Ha Conway's Chapel-L. B. Littlejohn. Concord—Van Moore, John Richards. Dudley Shoals—J. H. Brinkley. Edgemont-By Letter. Fairview—C. A. Anderson. Fleming's Chapel-J. W. Fleming, J. T. Davis, W. S. McCall Globe-By Letter. Green Valley-M. C. Estes, J. S. Franklin. Grandin-Jasper Barlow, Boone Lackie. Granite Falls—J. A. Turnmire. Harris' Chapel—N. J. Clark, Noah Austin.— King's Creek—J. L. Beach, J. S. Haas. Lenoir First—C. Andrews, J. W. Whisnant. Lenoir Second-J. D. Turnmire. Lower Creek-J. A. Boldin, J. A. Raby, J. R. Swanson. Mulberry—By Letter. Mt. Zion—J. C. Barker, W. R. Icard. Maple Grove-J. W. Holsclaw, Thomas Coffey, Milton Bean, Nelson's Chapel—By Letter.
Pisgah—Noah Austin, Noah Bentley.
Poovey's Grove—G. I. Kellar, E. V. Starnes. Rocky Springs-I. G. Greene, C. E. Leonard. Sardis—J. R. Barber, J. S. Crump, A. W. Smith. Union—C. D. Shaver, R. S. McCrary, C. L. Sherrill, J. McLeod, Ralph McCrary. Union Grove-By Letter. Whitnel-M. C. Braswell, D. G. Barber, William Barber. Wilson's Creek—Barney Cook. Winkler's Grove—S. D. McAbee. Yadkin—J. L. Day, V. M. Carter.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Benfield, J. G., Morganton, R. 2 Bryant, W. B., Finley Blalock, T. L., Ti An Fu, Shantung, China Crisp, J. F., Morganton, R. 2 Crisp, E. D., Lenoir, R. 4 Crisp, John, Lenoir, R. 4 Carter, V. M., Patterson Franklin, James, Mortimer Fox, J. K., Sawmills Harris, M. I., Hudson Harris, J. M., Morganton Icenhour, P. H., Sawmills

King, L. C., Lenoir
Miller, D. L., Hudson
McAbee, S. D., Brookford
Phillips, J. E., Hudson
Phillips, J. L., Mortimer
Rhyne, S. A., Hudson
Robbins, T. C., Buffalo Cove
Setzer, Albert, Lenoir
Stephenson, W. A., Granite F'
Stimpson, J. F., Lenoir
Shaver, J. M., Lenoir
Spencer, W. S., Hickory
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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF CALDWELL ASSOCIATION

MORNING SESSION

The fifth annual session of the W. M. U. of Caldwell Association was held with the W. M. S. of Lower Creek church Sept. 13, 1917, with Mrs. J. A. Boldin presiding and Mrs. Myra Allen, Secretary.

After extending to the Union a most cordial welcome Mrs. A. R. Barlow, president of the W. M. S. of Lower Creek church, conducted devotional exercises.

The roll of churches was called and representatives recognized as follows: Blair's Fork, 2; Granite Falls, 4; King's Creek, 6; Lower Creek, 19; Lenoir First, 11; Sardis, 7. A number of visitors were recognized and welcomed, among this number being Mrs. J. E. Erwin of Catawba River, and Miss Bertha Carroll of Central Association.

Delegates from nine societies were enrolled and reports read from all societies in the Association, those not having delegates present having previously reported to the President.

Upon motion and second, the Chair appointed the following nominating committee: Mrs. Milton Shearer, Mrs. D. C. Farthing, Mrs. T. H. Broyhill, Mrs. M. M. Helton, Miss Annie Lee Crouch.

In a splendid discussion of "Our Association and How to Organize It For Better Work," Miss Bertha Carroll, (our State Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer) urged that during the coming year each W. M. S. would strive to organize at least one new society. We hope that this and many more of her timely suggestions will be carried out.

The report of our Literature Secretary, Miss W. M. Moore, was very encouraging. We trust that through her earnest efforts our women will really awake to the great privilege afforded by our mission periodicals and the Biblical Recorder.

The Junior Conference, led by Miss Carroll, was especially helpful and made us realize, more than ever before, our responsibility to the children and our great need for leaders.

A splendid paper on "Prayer, Its Place and Power," was read by Mrs. B. H. Dula, and after announcements for afternoon and evening the meeting adjourned with a chain of special prayer, led by Mrs. Dula.

AFTERNOON SESSION ·

After a song by four Sunbeams from Hudson and prayer by Brother M. A. Adams "The Louisville Training School" was

most interestingly and profitably discussed by Misses Annie Lee Crouch, Ruth Shell and Bertha Carroll.

The "Y. W. A. Conference," led by Mrs. C. L. Wilson, assisted by the Y. W. A. of Lenoir First church, was pleasant and inspiring, and we trust that very soon many more of our young women may be enlisted in this work.

The "Church Building and Loan Fund" was very helpfully discussed by Rev. M. A. Adams and Miss Bertha Carroll.

Mrs. J. E. Erwin, the capable superintendent of Catawba River Association, made us all glad both by her presence and her earnest talk on "Special Weeks of Prayer and Gifts."

One of the most important and most helpful features of the meeting was the "Personal Service Conference," led by Mrs. B. H. Dula, assisted by Brother Thomas and Brother Adams.

With Mrs. Carroll in the chair, the nominating committee made the following report: "We recommend the election of Mrs. J. A. Boldin for President; Mrs. I. M. Tuttle, Assistant President; Mrs. Myra Allen, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. W. S. Covington, Junior Superintendent; Mrs. C. L. Wilson, Y. W. A. Superintendent; Mrs. W. M. Moore, Literature Secretary; Mrs. B. H. Dula, Personal Service Chairman." Upon motion and second the report was adopted and Mrs. Boldin resumed the chair. A rising vote of thanks was given our President for her work during the past year.

The closing devotional was led by Mrs. D. C. Farthing.

EVENING SERVICE

The evening service was presided over by the pastor, who conducted devotional exercises, after which an able address on "Women and Missions" was delivered by Rev. M. A. Adams.

Our financial aim for 1917-1918 was left with the Executive Committee, who recommended that we take as our aim \$450, with at least \$250 of this for Missions.

With grateful appreciation of the kind hospitality of Lower Creek church, the Union adjourned, to meet with the W. M. S. of Lenoir First church Sept. 12, 1918.

MRS. J. A. BOLDIN, President. MRS. MYRA ALLEN, Secretary.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

As read and approved by the Caldwell Association, in session September 22, 1917:

During the past year our Union has met with many difficulties. On account of special home cares the President has been unable to meet with the women of the churches to organize new societies or screngthen those aire a organized for the best leaders have been out of the work on account of ill health, and we have no report from two Sunbeam Bands and one Y. W. A. because of the

moving away of the leaders and the change of pastors. But, notwithstanding all this, we are not discouraged, for we feel that the work has been growing "down in the roots," and while our financial record is smaller than last year we realize that this has been the fault of circumstances rather than lack of interest on the part of our women, who have worked faithfully throughout the year. And we believe that more women and children are ready for organization as soon as their pastors deem it wise to bring the work before them and give to it their support and help.

Realizing that "the boys and girls of today will be the men and women of tomorrow," and remembering how impossible it is to impart to others that which we do not know ourselves, we would urge again that, wherever possible or practicable, our pastors will organize and conduct Church Missionary Societies for the information of our people, so that there may be intelligent leaders for missionary societies and to teach the children and train the young people for more efficient service in the kingdom of our Christ.

Our annual meeting on Sept. 13 was well attended and full of inspiration and interest, with many evidences of the presence

and power of the Holy Spirit.

We trust that many of the pastors will attend our meeting next year; and as we strive, humbly and gratefully, to "go forward" in our efforts to enlist all the women and children of the Caldwell Association in this department of the Master's work. We do plead, more earnestly than ever before, for the continued cooperation and prayers of this body.

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Miles traveled in interest of Missions, 75. Letters and postals written, 115.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By balance on hand from last yearReceived from Finance Committee	1.00
For Orphanage	. 34.00
For Ministerial Education	8.00
For Minutes	43.65
For State Missions	8.07
For Home Missions	5.50
For Foreign Missions	9.62
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Total	109.84
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Total	136.59



OF THE

THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION

OF

CALDWELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD IN

DUDLEY SHOALS CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 19th, 20th and 21st, 1918

COMPILED BY J. R. SWANSON, CLERK

Next session to be held in Rhodhiss Baptist Church, beginning on Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1919.

J. M. Shaver to preach Annual Sermon. I. W. Thomas, alternate.

OFFICERS

I. W. THOMAS, Moderator J. G. BENFIELD, Vice-Moderator J. R. SWANSON, Clerk and Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Joe Powell

H. M. Beach

M. C. Estes

H. C. Mackie

I. G. Greene

I. W. Thomas

J. R. Swanson

STANDING COMMITTEES

State Missoins-J. G. Benfield and J. A. Turnmire.

Home Missions-J. M. Shaver and E. D. Crisp.

Foreign Missions-J. E. Hoyle and C. Andrews.

Sunday Schools-Horton Andrews and W. F. F. Palmer.

Ministerial Relief-H. M. Beach and J. R. Swanson.

Orphanage-Joe Powell and Ert Triplett.

Pastoral Support-J. A. Boldin and J. L. Beach.

Christian Education-Y. D. Moore and M. N. Harshaw.

Biblical Recorder-J. A. Raby and M. C. Estes.

Temperance-R. H. Pipes and E. M. McCrary.

State of the Churches-J. T. Higgins and Harden Mabe.

Woman's Work-J. W. C. McCall and J. H. Johnson.

PROCEEDINGS

The Caldwell County Baptist Association met in its thirty-fourth annual session with Dudley Shoals church, Sept. 19, 1918, and after the reading of the 103rd Psalm and prayer by Moderator I. W. Thomas, and in the absence of the appointees, Brother J. E. Hoyle was asked to preach the annual sermon. He responded, using Philippians 4:19, after which the body took a recess for one hour.

Reassembled at 2:30. Prayer by F. P. Moore. Brethren W. F. F. Palmer and Joe Powell were asked to read the letters from the churches. A majority of the churches being represented, the body was permanently organized by electing I. W. Thomas Moderator and J. R. Swanson Clerk and Treasurer.

At this point a door was opened to churches desiring membership in this Association, but there was no response.

Next an invitation to visitors to accept seats with us was given, when Brethren G. Z. and Ernest Bumgarner of Alexander Association were gladly welcomed. The following committees were then appointed:

Arrangements—J. L. Beach, F. P. Moore, J. M. Shaver, with the Moderator and Clerk.

Finance-J. L. Austin, H. M. Beach.

Resolutions-W. H. H. Hartley.

Devotion-Pastor and Delegates of Dudley Shoals Church.

On Nominations-J. L. Beach, W. F. F. Palmer, F. P. Moore.

Brother J. G. Benfield was elected Vice-Moderator and also Historian of this Association.

The following brethren were appointed as substitutes for those appointed last year on standing committees but were not present: On State Missions, J. G. Benfield; Ministerial Relief, J. H. Andrews; Pastoral Support, J. L. Beach; Education. W. F. F. Palmer; Temperance, J. M. Shaver; Woman's Work, J. R. Swanson.

At this point Brother T. L. Blaylock, missionary to China, was recognized and accepted a seat in the body.

The Association then agreed to meet at 9:30 a.m. for devotional services, begin business at 10 a.m. and adjourn at 12 m. to hear a sermon, after which take a recess until 1:30 p.m., when

the body will resume business and adjourn at will.

The committee reported J. P. Hagaman to conduct prayer service tomorrow morning at 9:30 and J. G. Benfield to preach at 12 m.

The body then took a recess until tomorrow morning at 9:30. Benediction by T. L. Blaylock.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional exercise conducted by W. R. Beach and W. N. Johnson, after which minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Brethren W. R. Beach, W. N. Johnson, Corresponding Secretary of State Missions; E. W. Timberlake of Wake Forest College, and F. B. Hamrick of the Thomasville Orphanage all accepted seats in the body.

The committee on arrangements submitted its report, which was accepted and placed in the hands of Moderator for his guidance.

Off motion, the sermon for today was dispensed with and the following miscellaneous business was taken up: Brother Y. D. Moore was reappointed a member of the State Mission Board; J. M. Shaver, member Home Mission Board; I. W. Thomas, member Foreign Mission Board; T. L. Blaylock, J. G. Benfield and I. W. Thomas were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention; J. E. Hoyle and J. G. Benfield, alternates to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Committee on Orphanage submitted the following report, and, after discussion by F. B. Hamrick, T. L. Blaylock and J. H. Andrews, and a cash collection was taken amounting to \$10.08, the report was adopted:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Of all the objects to which this Association contributes we think none are more important than the Orphanage. About five hundred children are now in our Baptist Orphanage, with nothing to support them except the Baptists of North Carolina. We would recommend that all who can give the amount of one day's work to the support of the Orphanage, and that all the churches and Sunday schools take a collection some time during the year, and that all the Sunday schools take and form clubs of Charity and Children.

H. M. BEACH.

The Report on Education was read and, after discussion by E. W. Timberlake and others, was adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION

We as Baptists believe in education and that the masses of the peoule should be educated. To this end the Baptists of North Carolina have established and now own and control fourteen high schools and three colleges, representing a monetary value of more than \$1,500,000; the doors of which schhools now stand open for the reception of our boys and girls. And we would impress and urge the importance of attending our denominational schools for the sake of our own children and for that of the denomination. Respectfully submitted, W. F. P. PALMER.

The body then took a recess for one hour.

Met as per adjournment. Prayer by L. P. Gwaltney. Mt. Zion, Blair's Fork, Buffalo Cove, Whitnel, Conway's Chapel, Green Rock, Lenoir Second and Green Valley churches were represented, letters read and delegates enrolled.

Brethren L. P. and J. P. Gwaltney and J. W. Watts of Alexander Association accepted seats in the body.

The following were appointed as a committee on time and place for the meeting of the next session of the Caldwell Association: J. C. L. Hayes, J. G. Benfield, J. E. Triplett, H. M. Beach and J. A. Raby.

The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were discussed by T.-L. Blaylock and W. N. Johnson, and the reports were adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

But for the work done by the State Mission Board many of our largest and best churches would never have been planned or have become self-supporting. While much has been done by State Missions, much remains to be done. We have a vast mountain section full of the best opportunities for development; so many mill towns to supply. We do not believe our opportunities or responsibilities were ever so great as at present in regard to State Misssion work.

Respectfully submitted,

JOE POWELL, J. A. RABY.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

This is the big job of letting Jesus use us to save our own country. This work is administered by the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., Dr. B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secretary. Southern Baptists gave to Home Missions last year \$567,501.72. The Home

Mission work is done in the regular departments: co-operative missions with several State Mission Boards; evangelism; enlistment; church extension; aid in church building; mountain schools; Cuba and Panama; publicity; foreigners, Indians and negroes. Besides these regular kinds of work the Home Mission Board this year has aided in launching the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans. It is also co-operating with the Northern Baptist Convention and the different State Boards of Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention in doing religious work among our American soldiers in camps in this country and in France. There has never been such deep need of the gospel of Christ in our country as now, and never such ready response to it. North Carolina Baptists gave to Home Missions last year \$56.568.39. The Southern Baptist Convention instructed its Home Mission Board to project its work this year on a basis of \$1,000,000. The Home Mission Board is asking North Carolina Baptists to give \$75,000 of this amount. Shall we do it?

J. W. WHISNANT, R. H. PIPES.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The entire world needs the gospel of Jesus Christ. The spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ. No missionary program is complete until it includes the whole world. However, Southern Baptists have extended their operations only into the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, Italy and Mexico, Papal countries, and into Africa, China and Japan, Pagan countries. In the Papal countries there are many millions of people who have had the gospel given to them only partially. We should give them the gospel in its entirety. Among the Pagan nations there are many more millions of people who have never had the gospel presented to them at all. Our program should seek to evangelize, save and conserve the whole world. We have near 400 churches and 40,000 members in these countries. There are some 300 missionaries in thse fields, besides the native helpers. The must be cared for and it is our duty to do it. Will we? We have the means to carry the gospel to the whole world and if we love our Lord and Savior as we ought we will increase our contributions so as to help carry the word to all the world. We recommend that our people take and read the Foreign Mission Journal.

J. M. SHAVER, W. H. H. HARTLEY.

The following resolutions were also adopted:

Resolved, first, that we, the Baptist Association of Caldwell County, North Carolina, protest against the dismissal of camp pastors from the United States Army as a violation of the principles of democracy, religious liberty and freedom of conscience; second, that a copy be sent the Biblical Recorder, and copies to the representative of this district in Congress, R. L. Doughton; to Senator Overman and to the Third Assistant Secretary of War.

T. L. BLAYLOCK, for Committee.

Resolved, first, that the Caldwell Association join heartily with

our Board of Missions in the effort to add 12,000 new subscribers to the list of the Biblical Recorder, and that we undertake to secure 200 of these subscribers in this session of the Association; that we apportion to each church of the Association one new subscriber to every twenty of its membership, and that we send statement of its apportionment to each church directly from this Association with the request that the church pass on this matter at its first conference after the Association, and that the new subscribers be secured and forwarded at once to the Board of Missions.

Second. That in order to reach some of the people in our churches who do not take the Recorder, and as an aid to our churches in keeping the Recorder and other phases of our work before their members, we recommend that the churches of this Association take a club of the Monthly Bulletin printed by the Board of Missions, each copy enclosing also a great Tract, at the rate of \$1 per dozen per year.

Third. That this Association co-operate with the Board of Missions in the location and operation of one of the simultaneous and uniform Schools of Pastors and Workers to be held each year within the boundaries of this Association.

The devotional committee reported C. S. Hagaman to conduct devotional exercises tomorrow. The body then took a recess until tomorrow at 9:30. Benediction by W. R. Beach.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional services by C. S. Hagaman.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Roll of delegates called and absentees marked.

The committee to nominate the Executive Committee reported the following: Joe Powell, H. M. Beach, M. C. Estes, H. C. Mackie, I. G. Green, with the Moderator and Clerk.

The Executive Committee submitted the following report:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

If is gratifying to be able to report progress in most departments of our work. We believe there are more and better conducted Sunday schools, B. Y. P. U., etc., than ever before in the Caldwell Association. Most of our pastors are earnest and faithful. Several of our churches are arranging for every-Sunday preaching. The State Board, on our approval, has aided at Whitnel, Lenoir Second, Edgemont and Grandin. Let us hope for even greater success in the coming year. Respectfully,

JOE POWELL, Chairman.

Following is the report of the Treasurer for Gospel Missions:

REPORT OF TREASURER GOSPEL MISSIONS

To Caldwell Association: Since our last Association I have received \$122.47 for T. L. Blaylock, our missionary in China. Our beloved Brother Herring told us that Brother Blaylock was one of the best missionaries in China. We, however, have every reason to know that he has been greatly used of the Lord in that faroff land during the last quarter of a century. We would insist on our churches that they endeavor to realize that it is not only their Christian duty but an exalted privilege to contribute liberally towards his support. God's word does not warrant us bearing the name of Christians unless we carry or send the Gospel to "earth's remotest bounds."

F. P. MOORE,
Treasurer Gospel Missions.

The Treasurer reported a debt of \$10. The report was adopted and the adjusting of said difference postponed until the Finance Committee made its report, when the matter will again be taken up.

The Trustees of Lenoir Academy reported, and report was accepted, as follows:

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF LENOIR ACADEMY

Cash in bank reported last year	\$350.97
Interest collected	7.75
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On motion, the Historian's report was passed and he was instructed to prepare same and send to the Clerk in time for publication in the Minutes.

V. H. BEACH, Treasurer.

The report on Pastoral Support was read and, pending its adop-

tion, was discussed by J. A. Turnmire, R. H. Pipes, W. R. Beach, W. N. Johnson and C. S. Hagaman.

REPORT ON PASTORIAL SUPPORT

The Bible teaches us that God hath ordained that they that preach the gospel should live of the gospel, and let him that is taught in the Word communicate to him that teacheth in all good things. And thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. If we have sown to you spiritual things, is it a small matter that we should reap of your carnal things? The first deacons were chosen and set apart to look after the temporal things of the churches that the Apostles might give themselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the Word. The churches of this Associatino, we are glad to note, are making some progress toward a more adequate support for their pasters. We would plead with our churches to arise to the full discharge of their duty in this matter, so that our pastors may give themselves fully to reading, study, prayer, visitation and the ministry of the Word. Then will we have stronger and more efficient pastors and our churches will strengthen their stakes and lengthen their cords. J. L. BEACH, for Committee.

Upon motion, the body invited Sister J. A. Boldin to read the report of the W. M. U. and ordered same incorporated in the minutes of this Association. An address was made on the work by W. N. Johnson.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

At the close of another year, and also the close of the first five years of our history, we make our report to you with very humble, yet very grateful, hearts. Through these years there have been mistakes and failures, which we deeply regret, but we believe that the blessings of our Heavenly Father have been upon every honest effort, and that truly "This is not woman's work, but God's work," and His hand is guiding.

It has long been the sincere conviction of many that if our churches ever become really strong missionary churches it must be brought about largely through the development of our women and by teaching the children and training the young people along missionary lines. This is the distinctive work of the Woman's Missionary Union, which works only through the churches and in co-operation with the pastors, the superintendent going to present the work to the women of any church only upon the invitation of the pastor and the assurance of his help. Hence the progress of our Union deepnds, to some extent, upon the pastors; however, we are fully aware that even after the stumps of ignorance have been burned out by the power of missionary information (which necessarily destroys the surrounding growth of indifference and opposition) there is still need of careful preparation of soil and constant cultivation of the true missionary spirit. But we know that this is good Baptist soil and that if we are faithful in preparing it and "Paul will plant and Apollos will water, God will give the increase.

The past year has not been all that we desired. There has been some loss but much gain. A new Girls' Auxiliary has been organized with an excellent leader and bright prospects. Two other societies are ready for organization. The real joy of service, the increased love and deepened spiritual life of our women is only partly shown by the increase in contributions of 26.9 per cent over last year. Nineteen hundred and eighteen marks perhaps the most important step taken, so far, by our Associational Union-our pledge, to the Church Building and Loan Fund for Homeless Churches, of a \$500 memorial in memory of our beloved Moderator, Rev. I. W. Thomas. Our first annual payment was more than raised in less than half the year. During the year the Superintendent has conducted or assisted in 37 meetings, traveled in the interest of missions 182 miles, written 92 letters and postals, sent out 62 report blanks and distributed about 200 tracts (Financial Report). Sixty-three mission journals are being taken in societies. We were helped and encouraged at our annual meeting by the presence and valued assistance of the Moderator and the pastor of Lenoir First church. We trust that more of the pastors will attend next year.

In reviewing the work of the past five years we give thanks to God for every blessing, for every increase. We also thank the pastors and this body for their co-operation and support; but, remembering the threefold loss that is being sustained—loss to the Kingdom, personal loss to our women and children, and soul-loss of the many who are dying without even knowing of our Christ—are hearts are filled with a great longing for the unenlisted women and children. As we enter upon this new year, and press forward with larger plans for reaching these unenlisted ones, we beg that the pastors will study that they may be able to give out information; that they will pray earnestly and faithfully for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our work, and that they give themselves, at least in some measure, to the development of the women and children of their respective churches.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. A. BOLDIN, Supt. W. M. U., Caldwell Association.

The report on Biblical Recorder was read and discussed by J. A. Boldin, W. R. Beach and T. L. Blaylock, and adopted.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

The Recorder, as the organ of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, should stand first among our great Baptist host. It was never better than today, and it stands for all Baptist interests, promoting every enterprise of the denomination and Kingdom work. The Recorder can never reach its greatest usefulness until it is more widely read by our people. Hence we earnestly request our pastors to use every legitimate effort during the coming Associational year to encourage every Baptist home to subscribe for the Recorder.

J. A. BOLDIN.

The body took a recess for one hour. Benediction by W. N. Johnson.

Met as per adjournment. Prayer by J. G. Benfield.

The report on Ministerial Relief was submitted and remarks were made by J. H. Andrews and I. W. Thomas. Report adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

For the lack of time in which to gather statistics it is impossible for your committee to render anything more than a very limited report of what our people are doing for the relief of our aged and infirm Baptist ministers, and for the information here given we are indebted to Brother W. N. Johnson. There was contributed last year about \$5,000, from which 37 beneficiaries received only a part of their support, as we take it. We believe our Baptist brethren and sisters are amply able and willing to contribute enough for the support of these time-worn servants of God, and that if they are given the opportunity they will do so. We recommend that a collection be taken in all the Baptist churches in the bounds of this Association during the month of November, 1918, for this object, and as often thereafter as practicable. The secretary for this board is Brother J. M. Arnette and his postoffice is Badin, N. C.

The report on Temperance was read, and, pending its adoption, remarks were made by J. M. Shaver, T. L. Blaylock and R. H. Pipes. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, rejoice that we are living in the day when the slogan of our country, our State and each local community is "The betterment of the people," both socially and morally. The effort is to eliminate everything detrimental to the welfare of the human family. One among the greatest evils—we might truthfully say the greatest—is strong drink. It slays directly and indirectly each year more than the most bloody wars; it not only slays, but cripples and incapacitates the moderate drinker. God's word condemns strong drink and drunkenness with no uncertain sound, but we are glad that our churches, our communities, our State and our country are aroused as to the woeful results of strong drink. We thank God for a ministry in our Association who in season and out of season denounce strong drink and strive to win the drunkard from his course of ruin. We are glad to note that through the Anti-Saloon League a measure has been passed for national prohibition, which will become a law when ratified by three-fourths of the States, and which we hope without fail will be ratified at the next session of the Legislature which meets in January. We, therefore, we'll durge upon our churches and people to use every legitimate means of stamping the fearful curse out of our community.

J. M. SHAVER, for Committee.

The report on Sunday Schools was read. Discussed by J. G. Benfield and W. H. H. Hartley and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Our Lord has commissioned His disciples to teach (evangelize) all nations. We should give our heartiest support to whatever helps to evangelize. We know that the Sunday school is an evangelizing agency. Statistics show that a large per cent of those baptized into the fellowship of our churches were Sunday school attendants before conversion. All Christian men and women, then, in all our churches should be deeply interested in Sunday school work.

J. G. BENFIELD.

Upon motion, we expressed to Brother E. L. Middleton that we desire a meeting in the interest of the Sunday school work in this Association some time in the near future, and that we will stand behind the movement. A committee was appointed to confer with Brother Middleton, consisting of Joe Powell, J. L. Beach and J. A. Turnmire.

The Committee on State of the Churches submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES

We, your committee, are glad to report the churches of our Association in peace and harmony. As far as we know, most of them had pastors this year, but owing to changes that are about to take place a number of them will in the near future be without pastors. Most of them have Sunday school and several have Woman's Missionary Society and young peoples' organizations. In some of our churches our women are doing a noble work and thould be encouraged to increase their efforts in lining up the women and young people of other churches in the work of the Kingdom of our Master. Most of our churches are supporting the objects of our State Convention, but not as liberally as they might. We are glad to report revivals held in some of our churches with gratifying results. We regret to report that many of our churches are not supporting their pastors as liberally as they should, and that there is a lack of the manifestation of brotherly love and Christian helpfulness toward each other that should exist on the part of the members of our churches. We suggest that more of our churches try to have preaching twice a month and prayer meetings each week. We further suggest that all our churches earnestly pray the Lord to call young men in our midst into the ministry.

J. A. TURNMIRE.

The Committee on Time and Place and Preacher reported as follows: Time, Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1919, at 3 o'clock p.m. Place, Rhodhiss, N. C. Preacher of annual sermon, J. M. Shaver; alternate, I. W. Thomas.

The Committee on Finance repotred as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Orphanage\$	53.36
Minute Fund	50.65
State Missions	33.36
Foreign Missions	15.55
Home Missions	
Associational Missions	
Ministerial Relief	
Ministerial Education	5.25
Sunday School Missions	2.80

\$186.08

J. L. AUSTIN, H. M. BEACH.

The body ordered the \$10 indebtedness from last year in the printing of the Minutes to be paid from the amount in the hands of the Treasurer of Lenoir Academy.

On motion, the Clerk was authorized to have 600 Minutes printed and distributed among the churches, and that he receive \$10 for his services.

On motion, the Clerk was authorized to add in the Minutes as a footnote that the churches be asked to send as much as \$60 to the Association for Minutes, and that they will be notified as to their proportional part just before the meeting of the Association in 1919.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

"Resolved, first, that we extend our thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for the faithful performance of their duties as officers of this Association.

Resolved, second, that we tender our sincere thanks to the members and friends of Dudley Shoals church for their hospitality and kindness to delegates and visitors while we are among them.

Respectfully submitted. W. H. H. HARTLEY.

The Committee on Devotion reported G. Z. Bumgarner to preach tonight at 8 p.m.; W. R. Beach to preach tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. and T. L. Blaylock at 11:30 a.m.

On motion, a collection was ordered to be taken tomorrow at the close of the sermon for State Missins.

The body then adjourned to the time and place of next meeting.

Benediction by T. L. Blaylock.

I. W. THOMAS, Moderator. J. R. SWANSON, Clerk.

LIST OF DELEGATES

Antioch-John Baird, L. G. Barber. Buffalo Cove—By letter. Bethany—By letter. Blair's Fork—H. E. Austin, William Holselaw. Bethel-Not represented. Clark's Chapel—J. E. Clark, J. P. Hagaman. Center Grove—J. E. Haas, D. H. Yount, J. F. Bumgarner. Conway's Chapel—By letter. Concord—Joe Calloway, Van Moore. Dudley Shoals—W. F. F. Palmer, B. M. Satterwhite. Edgemont—By letter. Fleming's Chapel—S. H. Mabe, J. R. McCall. Green Valley—Elgie Estes, M. E. Estes. Green Rock—C. H. Hawkins. Globe—F. P. Moore. Granite Falls-H. C. Mackie, M. M. Helton. Grandin-By letter. Harris' Chapel-George Austin, John Jones. John's River—J. C. L. Hayes, David Estes. King's Creek—J. L. Beach, W. H. Livingston, H. M. Beach, Horace Haas, J. H. Andrews.

Lenoir First-R. H. Pipes. Lenoir Second—J. E. Triplett. Lower Creek—J. R. Swanson, J. A. Raby, J. L. Austin.

Lovelady-Not represented.

Mulberry-Not represented. Mountain Grove—Not represented. Nelson's Chapel—By letter.

Pisgah—By letter.

Poovey's Grove—F. G. Richard, E. L. Helton. Piney Grove—W. W. Turnmire. Rhodhiss—G. O. Munday.

Rocky Springs-C. E. Webb.

Sardis—J. R. Barber.
Union—Ralph McCrary, E. P. McCrary.
Union Grove—J. W. Gibson, W. W. Conway.
Wilson's Creek—W. S. Cook, J. W. Holsclaw.

Winkler's Grove-Not represented.

Whitnel—J. C. Saunders, R. S. Taylor.' Yadkin—V. M. Carter, C. S. Hagaman.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

I. W. Thomas, Lenoir.

J. E. Hoyle, Lenoir.

J. F. Stimson, Lenoir.

D. L. Miller, Hudson.

J. M. Harris, Morganton.

T. L. Blaylock, Ti An Fu, Shantung, China.

L. C. King, Lenoir, Route 5.

J. M. Shaver, Lenoir, Route 2. Albert J. Setzer, Lenoir. J. P. Hagaman, Lenoir, R. 3.

J. P. Hagaman, Lenoir, R. 3. W. B. Bryant, Finley. C. S. Hagaman, Patterson. James Franklin, Mortimer. J. L. Phillips, Mortimer.

L. L. Nichols, Mortimer. W. W. Conway, Granite Fa

T. S. Robbins, Buffalo Cove. W. W. Conway, Granite Falls. J. F. Crisp, Morganton, Route 2 J. B. Phillips, Hudson.

J. G. Benfield, Morganton, R. 2 G. C. Ivery, Granite Falls.
 J. W. Fox, Saw Mill. _____ John Crisp, Lenoir, Route 4.
 V. M. Carter, Patterson.

LICENTIATES

Henry Crisp, Lenoir. John Higgins, Lenoir.

Noah Austin, Lenoir.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

The Dudley Shoals church, with which the Association met in its 1918 session, was organized in 1861 with 11 members. It now has 252 members. Elder Robert L. Steele was the first pastor. The following have served as pastor in the order named: Isaac Oxford, James Reid, G. D. Sherrill, Smith Ferguson, Jas. B. Poole, C. C. Poole, J. P. Gwaltney, W. J. Bumgarner, H. D. Lequent, W. A. Poole, J. M. Shaver, J. A. Downs, W. R. Beach, W. J. Bumgarner (for 16 years), and Ernest Bumgarner, who is the present pastor.

Brother W. F. F. Palmer has been the clerk of the church for the last twenty years. This church is beautifully located, and has in its membership a number of prosperous farmers. It has been a great evangelizing center, and is capable of doing much for the spread of the Kingdom of our Lord. So far as the writer has been able to learn, very few of our leading members throughout the Association have been claimed by death during the last year. Antioch church lost a very valuable member in the home-going of S. T. Harris, which occurred Aug. 17. For a number of years he had served as deacon and clerk of the church, and was at the time of his death serving as superintendent of the Sunday school.

We would mention also the removal of our beloved brother, Samuel Turnmire of Piney Grove church. Brother Turnmire was full of years, was a devout Christian, and fully ready when the call came. He had served his Lord for many years and had been great blessing to his church and community.

We would also record the home-going of two able ministers, not members of our Association, but who had served as pastors. Elders J. J. L. Sherwood and Baylus Cade. Both of these attended the 1917 session of the Association, which met at Bethel. By request of the body Brother Sherwood preached at 11:30 Saturday morning. This proved to be his last sermon, and perhaps he never preached a greater. About a month later he answered the call. Brother Cade was then pastor of the First church of Lenoir.

Only a few months later he went to be with his Lord.

J. G. BENFIELD.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received: From Finance Committee Since Association for Minutes Hat collection for State Missions	2.00
Total	_\$206.01
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Note.—I wish to call your attention to the above report of receipts and disbursements. All money received by me has been used as noted without leaving any for mailing purposes. The amount required for mailing this issue of the Minutes will be approximately \$3. This should be borne in mind, as next year it will be necessary to raise a slightly larger amount. Respectfully,

J. R. SWANSON, Clerk.

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After singing "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow," and prayer by Mrs. E. F. Reid of Lenoir, the Union adjourned to meet with Granite Falls church Sept. 11, 1919.

EVENING SESSION

The evening service was presided over by the pastor. Rev. I. W. Thomas conducted devotional exercises. A short program was rendered by the Sunbeam Band of Lenoir First church, after which a splendid address on "Woman's Work" was delivered by Rev. J. E. Hoyle.

MRS. J. A. BOLDIN, Superintendent. MRS. MYRA ALLEN, Secretary.

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

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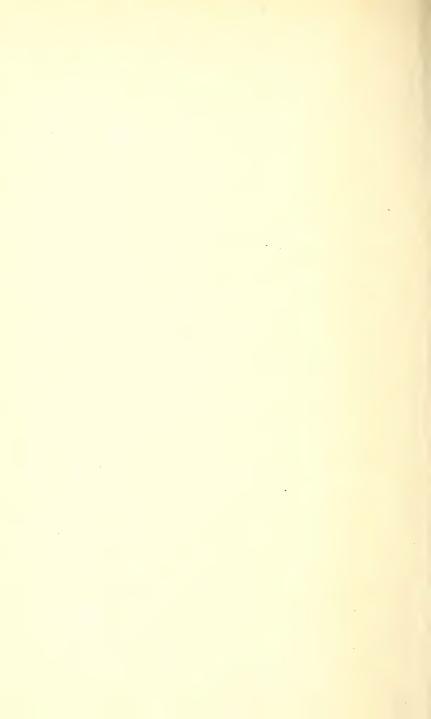
Caldwell County Baptist Association

HELD IN RHODHISS CHURCH September 25th, 26th and 27th, 1919

Next Session to be held with Piney Grove Church, eleven miles

North-east of Lenoir, beginning on Thursday before

the Fourth Sunday in September, 1920.



OFFICERS:

I. W. Thomas, Moderator.
J. G. Benfield, Vice-Moderator.
J. R. Swanson, Clerk and Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Joe Powell, J. W. C. McCall, V. H. Beach, J. E. Triplett,
E. P. McRary, with Moderator I. W. Thomas
and Clerk J. R. Swanson.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Annas, L. M., Saw Mills. Benfield, J. G., Rhodhiss. Bryant, W. B., Finley. Conway, D. W., Lenoir, R. 3. Crisp, J. F., Morganton. Crisp, John, Lenoir, R. 4. Crisp, E. D., Lenoir, R. 4. Carter, V. M., Patterson. Elrod, J. M., Granite Falls. Fox, J. K., Granite Falls. Franklin, James, Mortimer. Hoyle, J. E., Lenoir. Higgins, J. T., Lenoir. Hagaman, J. P., Lenoir, R. 3.

Hagaman, C. S., Patterson.
Ivery, G. P., Granite Falls.
King, L. C., Lenoir, R. 5.
Phillips, J. L., Mortimer.
Payne, T. E., Patterson.
Phillips, J. B., Hudson.
Robbins, T. S., Buffalo Cove.
Stimpson, J. F., Lenoir.
Setzer, Albert, Hudson.
Shaver, J. M., Lenoir, R. 6.
Shoemake, T. P., Lenoir, R. 6.
Spencer, N. C., Hickory.
Thomas, I. W., Lenoir.

LICENTIATES

Austin, Noah, Lenoir, R. 4. Clark, C. A., Lenoir, R. 3.

Greer, J. W., Granite Falls. Hartley, W. H. H., Hudson. Livingston, F. S., Patterson.

STANDING COMMITTEES

State Missions—J. M. Shaver and E. D. Crisp.
Home Missions—J. G. Benfield and J. A. Turnmire.
Foreign Missions—J. A. Boldin and C. Andrews.
Sunday Schools—H. M. Beach and J. R. Swanson.
Ministerial Relief—Joe Powell and M. C. Estes.
Orphanage—J. L. Beach and W. F. F. Palmer.
Pastoral Support—R. H. Pipes and E. C. McRary.
Christian Education—J. E. Hoyle and Y. D. Moore.
Biblical Recorder—J. W. C. McCall and J. A. Raby.
Temperance—Horace Haas and J. E. Story.

State of the Churches—Spurgeon Barber and V. H. Beach. Woman's Work—Dr. C. L. Wilson and M. N. Harshaw.

LIST OF DELEGATES

Antioch—W. M. Warlick, James Harris, F. B. Craig, T. N. Hallyburton.

Bethany-E. A. Gains, Marvin Bolick.

Bethel-C. J. Beach, L. M. McCall.

Buffalo Cove-R. L. Miller, J. W. Hamlett.

Blair's Fork-W. L. Holtsclaw, M. L. Bolick, Chas. Bentley.

Center Grove-A. P. Harris, D. H. Yount.

Concord-Joseph Calloway.

Clark's Chapel—A. C. Clark, Horace Prestwood, A. C. Craig.

Dudley Shoals-J. B. Sigmon, B. M. Satterwhite.

Fleming's Chapel-H. H. Coffey, W. S. McCall.

Granite Falls-J. E. Fisher, A. P. Kirby.

Grandin-By Letter.

Globe-A. M. Mast.

Green Rock-By Letter only.

Green Valley-M. C. Estes, J. S. Franklin.

Harris' Chapel-Noah Austin, N. J. Clark.

John's River-J. A. Bolick, G. F. McNeil, Andy Holler.

King's Creek—H. M. Beach, J. L. Beach, W. H. Livingston, J. S. Haas.

Lenoir First—R. H. Pipes, C. T. Smith, Molton Triplett, G. R. Clark, V. H. Beach.

Lenoir Second-D. P. Griffin.

Lower Creek-J. R. Swanson, J. A. Raby, J. L. Austin.

Mulberry-M. A. Bolick.

Mountain Grove- W. M.Smith, R. J. Rector, I. R. Conway.

Mt. Zion-J. C. Barker, W. A. Annas, D. A. Annas.

Nelson's Chapel—T. J. Craig, E. L. Curtis, M. P. Suddreth.

Poovey's Grove-J. W. Kellar.

Piney Grove-William Stone, H. F. Steelman.

Pisgah-Noah Austin, N. J. Bentley.

Rhodhiss—J. D. Kirby, W. H. Barker, N. T. Cozart, George Hollar, Clarence Champion.

Rocky Springs-C. E. Webb.

Sardis—H. E. Austin, Z. V. Johnson, J. S. Crump, R. Z. Harris, J. R. Barber.

Union-E. P. McRary, A. T. Porch.

Union Grove-J. O. Smith.

Winkler's Grove-By Letter.

Whitnel-By Letter only.

Wilson's Creek-Todd L. Cook, Mack J. Cook.

Yadkin-C. S. Hagaman, Harvey Woods.

PROCEEDINGS

THE Caldwell County Baptist Association met September 25, 1919, with Rhodhiss Church. The body was called to order by Moderator I. W. Thomas. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. E. Hoyle, who read Matthew 5:1-12. Prayer by I. W. Thomas, after which twenty-four of the churches were represented, and by order of the body the reading of the letters was dispensed with, said letters to be referred to a committee on digest of church letters, and the body goes into the election of officers, when I. W. Thomas was elected Moderator, J. G. Benfield Vice-Moderator, and J. R. Swanson Clerk and Treasurer.

An invitation to churches desiring membership in this body was given, with no response.

Invitations to visitors were given and accepted by M. L. Kesler of the Orphanage, R. A. Branch of the Virginia, W. R. Bhadshaw of the South Fork and I. C. Miller of the Three Forks Associations.

At this point J. G. Benfield, pastor of Rhodhiss church, extended a welcome to the body. Response by J. E. Hoyle.

The body then ordered the report on Orphanage read and discussed tonight after the introductory sermon. Also the body agrees to meet at 9:30 a.m. for prayer service, 9:45 for business; take recess at 11:40 till 1:30 p.m.; resume business and adjourn for the day at will, and meet at 8 o'clock p.m. for preaching.

The following committees were appointed:

Committee on Arrangements—J. A. Raby, J. L. Beach, A. M. Mast, with Moderator and Clerk.

Committee on Finance-H. M. Beach, J. L. Austin.

Committee on Digest of Church Letters—J. R. Swanson and Molton Triplett.

Committee on Devotion-Pastor and delegates of Rhodhiss church.

Vacancies on Standing Committees were filled as follows: On Christian Education, J. E. Hoyle; on Orphanage, M. L. Kesler; on Sunday Schools, A. M. Mast.

The body then takes a recess until tonight at 8 o'clock. Benediction by M. L. Kesler.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Met at 8 p.m. Prayer by L. P. Smith. Introductory sermon by J. M. Shaver from John 3:3. Prayer by J. B. Pruitt.

The report on Orphanage was read and discussed by M. L. Kesler and Noah Austin, and a contribution was made by the congregation to our Orphanage at Thomasville amounting to \$13.05. The report was adopted:

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE

In many respects the year through which we have passed is the most remarkable in our history. In spite of the distracting cries

of world-wide distress we have not lacked support, and up to this

good hour we have been able to report no debt.

During the influenza epidemic we had 480 cases, but came through without a death. Truly the blessing of God has been upon us and we would bow in humble gratitude before Him. Our work has been interrupted by reason of the epidemic and from scarcity of teachers, but in the face of it all a good year of school year has been done. We still find it hard to find suitable workers. War work and business offered inducements that paid better salaries and they went. We have added improvements to our course of training. Domestic science and a short business course have been added, and already the results have been gratifying. For the last year many of our boys and girls have aspired to taking higher training after leaving us.

Our present capacity, counting the Kennedy Home, is 525. We

are turning away hundreds for lack of room.

Our expense account must run high, both on account of the high cost of living and because we must go forward in equipment. For the five-year arrangement of the 75-million campaign \$610,000 has been suggested for the Orphanage. We do not understand that this in any way sets aside the present method of raising funds for the Orphanage. Hence we continue to urge that every Sunday school take a collection once a month for the Orphanage, and thet a thank offering he measured by a day's work or a day's income

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The price of Charity and Children has not been increased, though the price of paper has more than doubled. We want a club

of the paper in every Sunday school. Submitted for the Committee.

M. L. KESLER.

The body adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:30. Benediction by M. L. Kesler.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional exercises conducted by I. C. Miller. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Committee on arrangements submit their report, which was received by the body and placed in the hands of the Moderator.

Miscellaneous business was taken up and delegates were appointed to the Baptist State Convention, as follows: J. A. Raby, I. W. Thomas and J. S. Haas.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention: J. G. Benfield, with J. A. Raby alternate.

Members of Mission Boards were appointed as follows: On State Mission Board, J. W. C. McCall; Home Mission Board, J. E. Hoyle; Foreign Mission Board, J. G. Benfield.

Committee on time, place and preacher—J. L. Beach, M. C. Estes and William Stone.

A committee was appointed to nominate an executive committee for this Association, as follows: J. A. Raby, J. S. Haas, A. M. Mast.

A committee on resolutions was appointed—J. M. Shaver and Horace Haas.

At this point S. A. Rhyne of the South Fork Association accepted a seat in the body.

The special hour for Missions having arrived, the reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were read and discussed by J. G. Benfield, I. W. Thomas, J. M. Shaver and W. R. Bradshaw, and were adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina was organized in 1830—eighty-nine years ago. The primary object was to give the gospel to North Carolina, and to the world. Through all these years the convention has been true to the object for which it was organized. Through its efforts the gospel has been preached and hundreds of churches have been established in destitute places within our borders. Many of our very best churches have been fostered by our State Mission Board. Much still remains to be done. "Let us go up at once and possess the land."

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

It is gratifying to note that notwithstanding the staggering changes incident to participation in the world war, yet the work as conducted by the Home Board has without exception made steady progress in every department. The current contributions as reported at the last State Baptist Convention were \$200,000 more than the previous year. It also reported o total working force of 1,598, with 30,982 baptisms.

I. Co-operative Missions. This department serves to cement our Baptist brotherhood into a great working force in Christian

civilization, both at home and abroad.

II. Enlistment. This department aims at the development of the implanted life and the training of our people into a systematic Christian activity.

III. Church Extension. The proper and ample facility in church building is a subject which cannot be lightly looked upon, and the loan fund asked for to meet this need should be forthcoming.

IV. The mountain schools are meeting a much-felt need in developing the finer elements in our young Christians throughout the sections where they are located.

V. The friendly and sympathetic relation now existing between the U. S. A. and Cuba and Panama offers an inviting field with much promise.

VI. The foreigners now in our borders must not be neglected, as it is to our peril to fail to give them the gospel.

VII. Also the work among the Indians and negroes who are our neighbors must have our thought.

VIII. Publicity. It would be difficult to put an estimate upon the work of this department in the distribution of books and tracts and other literature.

"The Call of the South," a book published by the Superintend-

ent of Publicity, is a treasure to all who read it.

We urge all our people to subscribe for and read the "Home and Foreign Field."

J. M. SHAVER, Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The greatest promise Jesus ever made to men, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," follows the greatest commission that men ever received of the Master, "Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you." As we stand face to face with world conditions today we know that reconstruction must proceed along the line of help to the nations abroad as well as help in the home land. Laws are temporary and treaties are but scraps of paper until the law of God is written in the hearts of men.

Through our missions and workers in Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Japan and Mexico we are seeking to establish Christianity by preaching the gospel. Some immediate needs:

Africa—Residences, 5; new families, 4; single women, 2; school

buildings, 4.

Argentina—Church buildings, 5; school buildings, 3; new families. 4.

Brazil—Residences, 6; schools, 4; churches, 10; publishing

house, 1; families, 6; women, 4; men, 1.
Chilian Mission—Schools, 2; churches, 1; families, 2, women, 2.

China—21 pages of it.

Japan—Churches, 7; schools, 4; residences, 5; new families, 7; women, 2.

Mexico-Schools, 4; churches, 3; one publishing house.

Total needs:

For 197 new missionaries	
Annual maintenance	\$2,181,000 2,000,000

The body takes a recess until 3:30 p.m. Benediction by J. E. Hoyle.

Total _____\$4.181,000

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Met as per adjournment. Prayer, R. A. Branch leading.
Report on Christian Education was read and, pending adoption,
remarks were made by J. E. Hoyle and J. B. Pruitt. Report
adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

From every educational center of our State comes the report that classrooms are crowded and housing facilities are overflowing with students. Our young people are accepting the great truth that one cannot succeed in their generation without education. It is no longer a problem of inducing our growing citizenship to seek training. The present problem is the leadership that shall man our schools and the ideals that shall be cherished in our educational institutions.

Recent world developments have proved both the danger of learning without Christianity and the dependability of learning where Christ is made the central figure and the great touchstone of efficiency. Germany built her schools on the sands of human ambition, to find in the storm of testing her utter fall and defeat. Unless we preserve the leavening effects of Christian education we may expect our civilization likewise to disappoint us.

Our training camps for handling the recruits of the ministry and the laity must be made larger and better. We rejoice to know that \$20,000,000 has been assigned to this good work at the home base.

We would urge upon parents the importance of beginning early to lead the child into love for the Christian school. We look to the denominational schools for ministers, teachers and laymen to lead our forces on to victory for our Lord and His Christ.

H. S. Benfield of the Catawba and J. W. Watts of the Alexander Associations accept seats in the body.

The report on Ministerial Relief was read and adopted without discussion, and the 75-million campaign was discussed by J. W. C. McCall, W. R. Beach, J. M. Shaver, I. C. Miller, J. G. Benfield and others, both pastors and laymen.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

We believe that the ministers who have given their lives for the service of the Master deserve a comfortable living in their declining years. Our 1918 minutes show that only twelve churches in our Association contributed to this worthy object, and the amount contributed was only \$37. We recommend that our churches give our old ministers greater consideration than has been given them in the past.

H. M. BEACH.

Report on Biblical Recorder was read and, pending its adoption, remarks were made by W. R. Beach and I. W. Thomas.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

The Recorder as the organ of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina should stand first among our great Baptist host. It was never better than today, and it stands for all Baptist interests, promoting every enterprise of the denomination. The Recorder can never reach its createst usefulness until it is more widely read by our people. We know of no better way to inform our Baptist people of the great things that are before them than through the Recorder. Hence we earnestly request our pastors to use every effort during the coming Associational year to encourage every Baptist home to subscribe for the Recorder.

M. C. ESTES, Committee.

The Finance Committee make the following report:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received from the messengers of the several churches as follows:

For Minute fund\$	60.12
State Missions	28,16
Home Missions	28.11
Foreign Missions	37.53
Orphanage	93.36
Ministerial Relief	2.00
Christian Education	3.85
Sunday School Missions	
Total\$2	254.84
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The body then takes a recess till 8 o'clock tonight. Benediction by J. W. Watts.

Committee.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Met as per adjournment. Prayer, J. G. Benfield leading. Report on Sunday School was read, discussed by A. M. Mast and adopted, and further discussion deferred until Sunday morning in the Sunday school mass meeting.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

As reports and statistics show that about 90 per cent of all the conversions in our churches originated from the work of the Sunday school, I would urge and impress on all the churches in the Caldwell Baptist Association to organize and run a Sunday school and read and study the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make us wise unto salvation to every one that believeth them. As the Bible is the only rule of faith and practice of the Baptist denomination we should not only meet on the Sabbath day and study the word, but to read and study it daily that we may be lead in the way of all truth and righteousness. They studied the Scriptures daily whether these things were so.

A. M. MAST.

Report on Temperance was then read and discussed by R. H. Pipes and W. R. Beach and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We are glad to report progress for the cause of temperance. Nearly all of the States have ratified the amendment to the Constitution which gives us national prohibition. One of the pressing duties of church members and citizens at this time is to take a decided stand for law enforcement and elect only such men to office as will enforce the law, and to give the officers all possible aid in doing so.

There are other sins of intemperance which we regard as an impediment to our best progress, and feel that a note of warning

should be sounded here—the so-called soft drinks and the use of tobacco, especially the smoking of cigarettes by our boys and young men. We are sorry to say that many church members are spending many times as much for these things as they do for the cause of Christ. Will God hold us guiltless if we do these things? Brethren, let us awake to a full sense of our duty and do all we can for the suppression of the evils of intemperance in all of its forms.

R. H. PIPES, Committee.

W. R. Beach preached from Acts 16:9, and the body adjourned until 9:30 Saturday morning. Benediction by J. M. Harris.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Met as per adjournment. Devotional exercises by Moderator. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Roll of delegates was called and absentees marked.

Committee on nominating executive committee report the following to serve as executive committee: Joe Powell, J. W. C. McCall, V. H. Beach, J. E. Triplett and E. P. McRary, who were duly appointed by the body to serve with the Moderator and Clerk.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions was read and adopted, and at the instance of F. P. Coffey, as a token of appreciation of the services of I. W. Thomas, Moderator, a cash contribution was made to him amounting to \$9.15.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, first, that we, the Caldwell Association, are due to express our appreciation for the faithful and competent services

rendered by our Moderator and Clerk.

Resolved, second, that we express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the church and pastor of Rhodhiss, with the community at large, who have thrown open their doors to this body and have so hospitably and royally entertained and cared for us during the session of the Association.

J. M. SHAVER,

HORACE HAAS, Committee.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF LENOIR ACADEMY

Cash in bank reported last year Interest collected Rent collected	\$239.92 19.55 58.93
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Paid out by order of Executive Committee:	_
Loan to Rev. J. F. Stimson\$210.0	
Paid Insurance 22.2	0
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Balance due on note for rent	75.37
Rev. J. P. Crouch, note	50.00
Rev. J. F. Stimson, note	210.00
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JOE POWELL, Trustee. V. H. BEACH, Treasurer.

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REPORT OF TREASURER OF GOSPEL MISSIONS

To Caldwell County Association: Since our last Association I have received \$60.11 for T. L. Blalock, our missionary.

Let us be diligent in our Lord's work, for His "coming draweth nigh." F. P. MOORE, Treas. G. M.

It was ordered that the Clerk have \$15 for his services and spend the remainder of Minute money in printing and distributing Minutes to the churches of this Association.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher report: Time, beginning on Thursday at 11 o'clock a.m. before the fourth Sunday in September, 1920. Place, Piney Grove church, 11 miles northeast of Lenoir, N. C. Preacher, I. W. Thomas, with J. G. Benfield alternate.

Report on Pastoral Support was read and discussed by J. A. Boldin and J. E. Hoyle.

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT

The duty of supporting the ministers of the gospel is clearly set forth in God's words: "The Lord hath ordained that they that preach the gospel should live of the gospel;" "Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn;" "Let him that is taught in the word communicate to him that teacheth in all good things;" "If we have sown to you spiritual things is it a small matter that we should reap of your carnal things?" In the church at Jerusalem deacons were chosen that the apostles might give themselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the word. The responsibility of preaching the gospel is not on the preacher alone, but equally binding on all Christians, and this duty can be met on the part of laymen by adequately supporting the pastors by prayer and sympathy and by the means with which God blesses us, and of which He makes us His stewards.

J.L. BEACH.

Report on Woman's Work was read. Pending its adoption the annual report of the women's work was read by Mrs. J. A. Boldin and accepted and ordered incorporated in the Minutes of this Association, and the work in general was discussed by W. R. Beach.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

We, your Committee on Woman's Work, beg leave to make

the following report:

Acts 1:14 is a revelation to Baptist churches of our great Southland. Old, bygone traditions have been handed down "That a woman should not speak in public," but from the above chapter we find "That the women were there with Mary, the mother of Jesus." This was one of the greatest meetings we have any record of, when the Holy Spirit came upon them all.

We are glad to know our Baptist churches in the Caldwell Association are waking up and are organizing women's societies, and we find in these progressive churches better Sunday schools, greater church attendance, more progressive missionary spirit and the

young church members looked closer after, which is an appalling

need in our church today.

With the world in such turmoil at present, it looks as if our religion must be purified, and that we will have to call on the sainted mothers and the women filled with the Holy Spirit to do it.

In our Association we have about seven churches organized in women's work, with a growing membership in each. We, your committee, do heartily indorse the movement and recommend it to all churches in the Association. The forward, the progressive, the purifying and Christian spirit is to let the women do their part, and when we do we will find that we as churches will have more of the Pentecostal spirit and religion will be sweeter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. C. McCALL,
J. H. JOHNSON.

Committee.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION TO THE CALDWELL ASSOCIATION

Perhaps never before in the history of our Woman's Missionary Union have we made our report to you with more joy or with more

grateful hearts to our heavenly Father for His blessings.

Some loss was sustained during the first half of the year owing to the influenza epidemic, but while the societies were prevented from meeting regularly our women were "studying, praying and giving" to the end that not a single society failed to report the first quarter, and only one the second quarter, a Sunbeam Band whose

leader had moved away.

So faithfully have our women and children worked throughout the year that our reports show an increase of 82½ per cent to Missions and of 155 per cent to all objects. We also report an increase of 62 per cent in the number of Mission journals being taken in the societies. But we rejoice most of all in the deeper consecration and more abounding spiritual life of our women, and that a great many of our sisters have during the past year for the first time identified themselves with our Woman's Missionary Union.

Four new societies were organized during the last quarter of the year, and the outlook is encouraging only if there shall be vouchsafed to us, not just the permission but the real help of our Pastors, who are the divinely appointed shepherds (feeders and leaders) of the sheep. Even sheep are not kept merely to be fed, and we beg that our Pastors will not be content with simply feeding their sheep, but that they may remember that each one of the flock, man, woman and child, has been "saved to serve," and that it is not only the God-imposed duty of the Pastor, but also his God-given opportunity to lead his every member into active service for our Christ.

As we undertake our part of the "Baptist 75-million campaign" we realize that our greatest task is not the raising of one-fifth of the quota for the Caldwell Association, but that it is reaching our more than 2,000 unenlisted Baptist women; and that we should really reach them not altogether for the good of the cause, but primarily for their own sakes.

May we not ask that our Pastors and this entire body share with us this burden to the extent that you pray regularly and earnestly for the spiritual awakening of all our Baptist women, and that each one of us may willingly follow where He leads?

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. A. BOLDIN,
Supt. W. M. U., Caldwell Association.

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REPORT	ON D	IGEST	OF	CHUR	CH LET	TERS

We, your committee, make the following incomplete report, owing to the fact that all the churches have not been representd:

Received by baptismReceived by letterRestored	194 141
Total	342
Dismissed by letter Deaths By exclusion	55
Total	158

A gain of 184 and a total membership of 4,097.

Pastors' salaries\$	5,697.34
Building and repairs	1,653.98
Incidentals	511.96
Sunday school expenses	767.16
Poor	394.16
Minute fund	61.62
State Missions	158.11
Home missions	253.87
Foreign missions	372.35
Sunday School missions	51.70
Christian education	663.87
Ministerial relief	16,29
Orphanage	486.33
Other objects	1,204.17
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A grand total for church expenses and contributions \$12.291.93

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Owing to the scattered location of this committee we have not had a regular meeting or any organization this year. However, informally, we have approved applications to the State Board for help at Lenoir Second, Grandin, Sardis and Lovelady churches. We heartily approve and earnestly hope every member of this Association will realize their part in the 75-million-dollar campaign.

JOE POWELL, Chm. Committee.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

The Rhodhiss Baptist church, the meeting place of the thirty-fifth session of the Caldwell Association, was organized Feb. 18, 1906, with 28 members, eight males and twenty females. Revs. I. W. Thomas, W. P. Southern and A. S. Worrell composed the organizing presbytery. W. P. Southern was called as the first pastor; R. P. Scruggs was chosen as clerk and treasurer, and Brethren T. F. Smith and T. P. Crouch were ordained as deacons. The following have served as pastors: W. P. Southern, G. C. Ivery,

C. M. Ervin, C. A. Rhyne, W. A. Stephenson, O. A. Abee and J. G. Benfield. The following have served as clerk: R. P. Scruggs, T. P. Crouch, Minnie Harrill, S. J. Early and W. W. Byars.

For six years the church was without a house of worship. In 1912 the present house of worship was purchased from the Lutherans, their organization having gone down. The State Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention came to the rescue of the Baptist cause here, furnishing \$400 of the purchase money.

During the pastorates of Revs. C. A. Rhyne and W. A. Stephenson the church enjoyed twice-a-month preaching. On Sept. 1, 1918, the writer of this sketch was called to full-time preaching. This was made possible by the generous offer of the two cotton mill companies located here to pay \$520 a year of the salary, the church paying \$500. The records show that the church has experienced some very discouraging setbacks, but the good hand of God can be seen through its history. The church now has a membership of 203.

J. G. BENFIELD.

REPORT ON STATE OF CHURCHES

As your committee I am glad to report the churches of our Association, as far as I know, most of them had pastors this year. At the present time some are without pastors. A large number of them have 'Sunday schools and several have a woman's missionary society and also a young people's organization. In some of our churches our women are doing a noble work and should be encouraged to increase their efforts in lining up the women and young people of other churches in the work of the Kingdom of our Lord. Most of our churches are supporting the objects of our State convention, but not as liberally as they might. We are glad to report revivals held in a number of our churches with good results. We regret to report that some of our churches are not supporting their pastors as liberally as they should, and there is a lack of manifestation of brotherly love and Christian helpfulness toward each other that should exist on the part of the members of our churches. We suggest that all our churches earnestly pray the Lord to call young men in our midst into the ministry.

T. H. HIGGINS.

On motion, the Association agrees to request all church clerks to send their Associational Letters to the Clerk at least ten days before the meeting of the body. This is to enable the Clerk to make a digest of letters and thus save time when the Association convenes.

Treasurer's Report. (See Minutes of 1918.)

Committee on Devotion report J. E. Hoyle to preach tomorrow (Sunday) at 11 o'clock.

The body now adjourned to time and place of next meeting in 1920.

Thus ended a very pleasant session of the Caldwell County Baptist Association.

I. W. THOMAS, Moderator.

J. R. SWANSON, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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Since Association		4.98
Total		\$259.82
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Paid to—		
Thomasville Orphanage		\$ 93.36
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J. R. Swanson		
Lenoir News-Topic		48.00
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TIME AND PLACES OF MEETING OF CALDWELL ASSOCIA-TION FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, WITH NAMES OF MODERATOR, CLERK AND PREACHER

1885-Rocky Springs; Isaac Oxford, Moderator, W. A. Pool, Clerk; I. Oxford, Preacher. 1886-Union; Isaac Oxford, Moderator; W. A. Pool, Clerk; John

Crisp, Preacher.

1887-Piney Grove; Isaac Oxford, Moderator; W. F. Marshall, Clerk; W. A. Pool, Preacher. 1888—Sardis; Isaac Oxford, Moderator; W. F. Marshall, Clerk;

H. D. Lequex, Preacher.

1889—Globe; Isaac Oxford, Moderator; W. F. Marshall, Clerk;

W. A. Pool, Preacher. 1890—Lenoir First; Isaac Oxford, Moderator; A. E. Nelson, Clerk; I. Oxford, Preacher.

1891-Dudley Shoals; Isaac Oxford, Moderator; J. V. McCall.

Clerk; J. S. Gwaltney, Preacher.
1892—Yadkin; I. W. Thomas, Moderator; J. V. McCall, Clerk;
H. M. Croom, Preacher.

1893-Granite Falls; I. W. Thomas, Moderator; A. E. Nelson. Clerk; J. S. Gwaltney, Preacher.

1894—King's Creek; J. V. McCall, Moderator; A. E. Nelson, Clerk; H. M. Croom, Preacher.

1895—Lower Creek—J. V. McCall, Moderator; A. E. Nelson, Clerk; J. M. Shaver, Preacher.

1896—Conway's Chapel; I. W. Thomas, Moderator; J. V. McCall.

Clerk; I. W. Thomas, Preacher.

1897—Piney Grove; E. D. Crisp, Moderator; J. V. McCall, Clerk;
I. Oxford, Preacher.

1898—Rocky Springs; I. W. Thomas, Moderator; J. V. McCall,
Clerk; S. D. Heffner, Preacher.

1899—Blair's Fork—I. W. Thomas, Moderator; J. V. McCall, Clerk; E. D. Crisp, Preacher.

1900—Union; I. W. Thomas, Moderator; J. V. McCall, Clerk;
I. W. Thomas, Preacher.

1901-Sardis; I. W. Thomas, Moderator; J. V. McCall, Clerk;

W. R. Beach, Preacher.

1902—Bethany; J. V. McCall, Moderator; I. W. Thomas, Clerk;
E. D. Crisp, Preacher.

1903—Lenoir First; J. V. McCall, Moderator; I. W. Thomas,

Clerk; J. A. White, Preacher.

1904—Dudley Shoals; J. V. McCall, Moderator; I. W. Thomas. Clerk; J. J. L. Sherwood, Preacher.

1905—Mountain Grove; J. V. McCall, Moderator; I. W. Thomas,

Clerk. 1906—Fleming's Chapel; J. V. McCall, Moderator; I. W. Thomas, Clerk.

1907-Mulberry; J. V. McCall, Moderator; I. W. Thomas, Clerk:

J. J. L. Sherwood, Preacher. 1908—Lower Creek; J. V. McCall, Moderator; I. W. Thomas, Clerk; I. C. Miller, Preacher.

1909—Green Valley; J. V. McCall, Moderator; I. W. Thomas, Clerk; I. W. Thomas, Preacher. 1910—Granite Falls; J. V. McCall, Moderator; J. R. Swanson, Clerk; J. G. Benfield, Preacher.

1911-King's Creek; J. V. McCall; Moderator; J. R. Swanson, Clerk.

1912-Rocky Springs; I. W. Thomas, Moderator; J. R. Swanson, Clerk.

1913-Lenoir First; I. W. Thomas, Moderator; J. R. Swanson, Clerk; G. C. Ivery, Preacher.

1914—Union; I. W. Thomas, Moderator; J. R. Swanson, Clerk: J. D. Moore, Preacher.

1915—Sardis; I. W. Thomas, Moderator; J. R. Swanson, Clerk;
J. G. Benfield, Preacher.

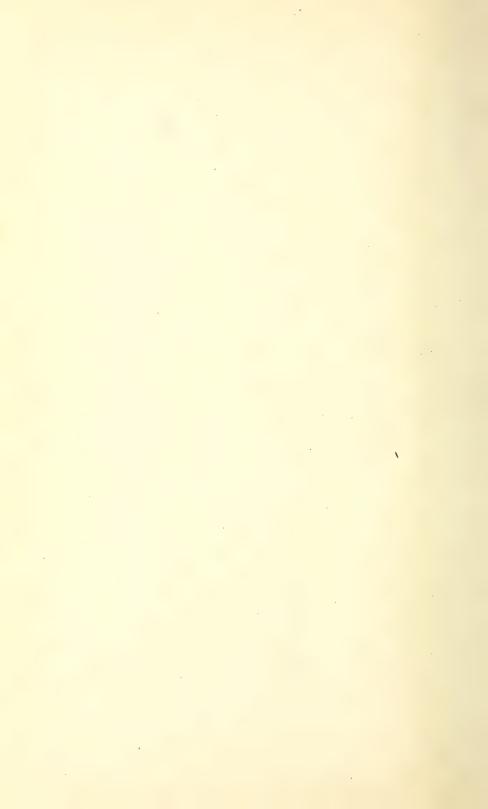
1916—Blair's Fork; I. W. Thomas, Moderator; J. R. Swanson, Clerk; G. W. Rollins, Preacher.

1917—Bethel; I. W. Thomas, Moderator; J. R. Swanson, Clerk:

C. A. Rhyne, Preacher.

1918—Dudley Shoals; I. W. Thomas, Moderator; J. R. Swanson, Clerk; J. E. Hoyle, Preacher.

1919—Rhodhiss; I. W. Thomas, Moderator; J. R. Swanson, Clerk; J. M. Shaver, Preacher.



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CHURCH AND NAME OF ORGANIZATION	Lenoir First, W. M. S. Lenoir First, Girls' Auxiliary Lenoir First, Girls' Auxiliary Lower Creek, W. M. S. Lower Creek, W. M. S. Lower Creek, Sunbeam Band Lower Creek, Sunbeam Band Blair's Fork, W. M. S. Blair's Fork, Sunbeam Band Lenoir Second, W. M. S. Brair's Fork, Sunbeam Band Cranite Falls, W. M. S. Granite Falls, W. M. S. Whitnel, W. M. S. Whitnel, Y. W. A. Whitnel, Sunbeam Band Whitnel, Sunbeam Band Rhodhiss, Sunbeam Band Granite Falls, W. M. S. Whitnel, W. M. S. Whitnel, Sunbeam Band Granite Falls, W. M. S. Whitnel, Sunbeam Band Granite Falls, W. M. S. Rhodhiss, W. M. S. Concord, Sunbeams.	

New Societies organized, 4.

Number miles traveled in the interest of Missions, 317.

Number meetings conducted or assisted in, 57.

Litters and postals written, 200.

Report blanks sent out, 90.

Mission Journals being taken, 102. Biblical Recorder, 28.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF CALDWELL ASSOCIATION

MORNING SESSION

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Devotional services were conducted by Mrs. M. M. Helton, of
Granite Falls, from 15th chapter of John and a part of Exodus,

14th. Prayer was offered by Miss Bertha Carroll.

A most cordial welcome was extended to the Union by Mrs. A. A. Cline, of the Granite Falls W. M. S. Response by Mrs. D. C.

Farthing, of Valmead.

The roll of churches was called and representatives recognized as follows: Blair's Fork, 1; Concord, 2; Granite Falls, 5 (many more came in later); Lenoir First, 11; Lenoir Second, 1; Lower Creek, 12; Whitnel, 3; King's Creek, 1; Rhodhiss, 2. Visitors were recognized and welcomed, including Mrs. John C. Scarborough, of Goldsboro, and Miss Bertha Carroll, of Central Association.

With only one or two exceptions encouraging reports were read from all the Societies, including four new organizations which were gladly received and welcomed. The report of the Superintendent was made with deep joy and gratitude for the splendid increase along all lines during the past year. Following the report, the Superintendent mentioned some of "Today's Opportunities" and urged that we not lose but use these golden opportunities for service. Upon request of the Union Miss Carroll presented a beautiful W. M. U. pin to Mrs. Boldin in appreciation of her services as Superintendent. The pin was accepted with thanks.

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We were very fortunate in having our State Corresponding Secretary, Miss Bertha Carroll, with us, and she filled our hearts with inspiration and courage as she spoke to us of "The Union's Plans for the Coming Year, and the Baptist 75 Million Campaign."

The chair appointed the following committees: Nominating, Mrs. A. A. Cline, Mrs. M. M. Teague, Mrs. W. A. Haigler, Mrs.

J. M. Cox, Mrs. D. C. Farthing; Recommendations, Mrs. J. E. Hoyle, Miss Bertha Carroll, Mrs Horace Russell; Resolutions, Mrs. W. S. Covington, Mrs. A. R. Barlow, Mrs. J. W. C. McCall; Time and Place, Mrs. J. J. Coffey, Mrs. J. R. Swanson, Mrs. W. E. Oxford.

Adjourned with prayer by Brother Bostick.

AFTERNOON SESSION

A most inspiring devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Scarborough, followed by a real heart-to-heart talk from her own experience and the account of a "Native Worker" whom she is supporting in Brazil.

Perhaps the most helpful and encouraging "Junior Hour" we have ever had was led by the Junior Superintendent, Mrs. W. S. Covington, assisted by Mrs. J. E. Hoyle and the Sunbeams of

Granite Falls.

The Y. W. A. Superintendent, Mrs. C. L. Wilson, had charge of the splendid "Y. W. A. Hour." She was ably assisted by mem-

bers of the three organizations in the Association.

Owing to the absence of our "Personal Service" Chairman and the lack of time this important part of our work was not discussed, but our Chairman states that while she could not get written reports from many of the Societies, there was far more "Personal Service" rendered last year than ever before—in assistance both in money and clothing for the poor, in nursing the sick and providing food during the influenza epidemic, in war work, Armenian relief, etc. She requests special mention of the report sent in from Lower Creek W. M. S. It is also requested that each Society have a personal service committee and keep a record of work done this year.

With Miss Carroll in the chair, the Nominating Committee made the following report: "We recommend the election of Mrs. J. A. Boldin, Superintendent; Mrs. J. E. Hoyle, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Myra Allen, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. C. L. Wilson, Y. W. A. Superintendent; Mrs. W. S. Covington, Junior Superintendent; Mrs. W. M. Moore, Literature Secretary; Mrs. B. H.

Dula, Personal Service Chairman."

The report was adopted and Mrs. Boldin resumed the chair. The following recommendations were read by Mrs. Hoyle and

adopted by the body:

"I. For our financial aim one-fifth of the quota or amount apportioned the Caldwell Association in the '75 Million Campaign,' the Woman's Missionary Society receiving credit for the contributions (unless otherwise designated) of all the women and children in the Association.

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"II. That the Executive Committee of our Caldwell W. M. U. divide the Association into circles and select a leader for each circle, who shall organize and foster societies in the churches

of her circle.

"III. That a committee be appointed at this meeting to arrange for banners to be given at our next Associational meeting, one to the W. M. S. or Y. W. A. and one to the Junior Society (G. A., R. A. or Sunbeam Band) making the highest rating on the standard of excellence.

"IV. That our W. M. S.'s and Y. W. A.'s begin immediately to conduct Mission Study Classes, working for the Southern W. M. U. Certificate, and studying, first "Stewardship and Missions," which is recommended for November."

Mrs. J. E. Hoyle, Mrs. W. S. Covington and Mrs. C. L. Wilson were appointed as "Banner Committee."

Resolutions, as follows, were read by Mrs. Covington and

adopted by rising vote:

"Wishing to express our appreciation to the women of Granite Falls for the Christian spirit of their hospitality to the 1919 session of the W. M. U., we do hereby resolve:

"First, that our thanks be extended to the members of the Baptist church (and other women of the town) and to the hos-

pitality committee for the delightful dinner provided.

"Second, that we thank Miss Carroll for coming to us and for the inspiring message she brought, and Mrs. Scarborough for her valuable assistance.

"Third, that we are greatly indebted to the Granite Falls Y. W. A. and Sunbeam leaders, and to the Y. W. A. Superintend-

ent, for the very profitable mission demonstrations.

"Fourth, that we also express our thanks to Brother G. P.

Bostick for conducting the evening service."

The committee on "Time and Place" recommended Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1920, as the time, and the place undecided, but later a cordial invitation to meet with the Whitnel W. M. S. has been accepted.

The Union adjourned with a chain prayer, led by Mrs. J. E.

Hoyle.

EVENING SESSION

Rev. J. E. Hoyle being unexpectedly called away, the entire evening service was turned over to Rev. G. P. Bostick, of Pochow, China, who, after a short devotional, delivered a stirring address on "Our Baptist Women and the 75 Million Campaign."

MRS. J. A. BOLDIN, Superintendent. MRS. MYRA ALLEN, Secretary.





